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How Old Joe Found a Home

BY ELLEN SMITH

IN MY Father's house there are many mansions! if it were not so—" With a gnarled and rheumatic finger old Joe Thorne followed the precious words, trying to repeat them in a quivering voice so as to give himself all their comfort. But he had to stop, for his voice was not steady enough to serve him, and his eyes were too blind to see the big print, even with the aid of large round spectacles with heavy steel frames.

But he had only been so dim of vision since last Board day, when it had been decided by those in authority that he was too old and feeble to look after himself any longer, and that he must part with his little home and his scanty belongings and end his days in the House. Knowing his poverty and helplessness, he had patiently and meekly acquiesced in the decision of his betters, and his nearest neighbors, half a mile off, and the relieving officer had painted to him in glowing colors how much better off he would be in the House.

"Why, you won't know yourself, Joe," said brisk 'Liza Legg, who had an eye to the neighbor's old oak bureau, which might come her way very cheaply if things went well; "you won't know yourself with bread and comfort the whole winter through; no gettin' starved with cold like we pore folk outside."

Old Joe looked dazedly round, as one who hardly knew himself already, and as one who might soon be lost altogether.

"'Tis true, 'Liza," he answered sadly; "I be gettin' 'up a good hard age."

"That's the sensible way to look at it," remarked the relieving officer, who was as kind-hearted as his officialty allowed him to be; "why, if you stayed here we might find you dead in your bed one fine morning."

"Ess, and how about the stiffate and puttin' of 'ee under groun'?"

This cheerful question from 'Liza, who had made up her mind days ago that the rickety old fourposter was only fit for firewood, but that the feather bed might be really got at a bargain. Its owner looked wistfully at the antiquated piece of furniture.

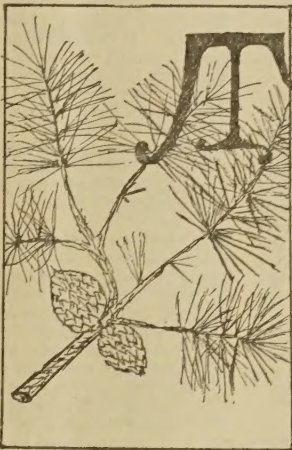
"It med be," he admitted, "but I'm willin' to go when the Lord do call me."

They were both pleased to find him so resigned to what was right and fitting, and, well content, they left him to himself to think it over. The place which had sheltered him and his for so many years that his memory could only dimly grope about the earlier ones was no snug and bowered cottage, like the model ones in the village, but was an isolated Ishmael of a dwelling, standing apart from the haunts of men, with its thatched roof standing out from the hillside like a frown or furrow; it was lopsided and rather tumble-down where it did not face the public eye, but to Joe Thorne it was a home, and sanctified to him by ties of warm affection. His wife had come there a bride; his children had all been born there; and the place which the villagers stigmatized as so lonely and "way back from everywhere" was to him the most peopled spot in the universe. From its homely shelter his children had gone forth one by one to earn their daily bread afar and near—some had married, some had died,—and from that rickety fourposter so despised of 'Liza Legg, his old wife had turned a face of calmest trust toward the dark and silent grave.

Now that his wife was dead and his children drifted out into the world—and beyond it, with none of his own kith and kin remaining in the parish—this little

tumbledown house was his world, the only place where he did not feel lost and lonely; to him the spirit of departed blessings rested upon it like the dew of the morning. But it was to be his no longer; the decree had gone forth that he must lose his home and his individuality, to become just one more pauper added to the responsibilities of the parish. The idea was so sad and strange that he could not get used to it; and even as he strove to meet the inevitable with no rebellious spirit, the evil day came upon him. That morning his scanty belongings had been parted up and scattered among the parishioners, and the little money they fetched was to go toward his maintenance in the Union.

'Liza Legg had fastened upon the feather bed, and was to be ousted by no more generous bidder; but she could not appropriate the old oak bureau, for the vicar knew a fine piece of antique furniture when he saw it, and he gave Thorne an honest price for it.



NEW CENTURY IDEALS

WEIGH the material in the scales of the personal, and measure life by the standard of love; to prize health as contagious happiness, wealth as potential service, reputation as latent influence, learning for the light it can shed, power for the help it can give, station for the good it can do; to choose in each case what is best on the whole, and accept cheerfully incidental evils involved; to put my whole self into all that I do, and indulge no single desire at the expense of my self as a whole; to crowd out fear by devotion to duty, and see present and future as one; to treat others as I would be treated, and myself as I would my best friend; to lend no oil to the foolish, but let my light shine freely for all; to make no gain by another's loss, and buy no pleasure with another's pain; to harbor no thought of another which I would be unwilling that another should know; to say nothing unkind to amuse myself, and nothing false to please others; to take no pride in weaker men's failings, and bear no malice toward those who do wrong; to pity the selfish no less than the poor, the proud as much as the outcast, and the cruel even more than the oppressed; to worship God in all that is good and true and beautiful; to serve Christ wherever a sad heart can be made happy or a wrong will set right; and to recognize God's coming kingdom in every institution and person that helps men to love one another.

William Dewill Hyde.

Now the place was bare, save for the infirm, tottering old settle, which was supposed to be a fixture, upon which Joe sat to try and read his Bible; a few red sparks lingered in the depressed-looking fireplace, with a brick in its lower jaw and ashes upon its head. The cottage had been let over his head and the new tenants were coming in that day. Joe Thorne was waiting for their arrival before taking himself, off as in duty bound, to the Union ere the sun set. For he had still a piece of property to dispose of which troubled him more than all the rest; he had offered this last treasure to 'Liza Legg, who had flouted it, and he was terribly afraid that the worst would have to come to the worst.

"In my Father's house are many mansions—many mansions!"—His quivering voice broke suddenly with a sob, and a neat little gray cat stirred upon his knee, and began gently rubbing against him to know what the matter was. She had been uneasy herself for a week or longer, and the removal of the furniture had disturbed her still more. What could she and her master do when bedtime came with no fourposter—for she was accustomed to sleep on one corner of the shabby patchwork quilt, and rouse him in the morning with a cold little nose against his face and a burst of rapturous purring.

What a lonely awakening for him the next morning without his little faithful friend and companion! For it had come to pass that the little gray cat and the old man were all in all to each other. She had come to them years ago, a tiny stray kitten, on their last daughter's wedding day, and because Mrs. Thorne had

been picking the first violet of the year when the small "come by chance" announced herself as a claimant for the lost daughter's vacant place, they had named her Vi'let and taken to her very kindly. All this had happened a long, long time ago; but although Vi'let was, like her master, well stricken in years, she was a dainty, pretty little cat still, with a feminine vanity that insisted upon a perfectly licked and glossy coat, with a special face-washing after each meal.

The old man loved her dearly, for she was far more than a cat to him; she was the last living bit of home left, and he had to part with her because his home was broken up and done away with. She was so soft and warm and gentle, with most loving ways; and now all these things had to pass out of his life, for pure officialism would take possession of him, and not let go until parish boards inclosed his dumb head and the earth received her own.

It broke his heart that he could not explain matters to her, and so soften the pain of parting. "If I could hev told her 'twas for the best," he said to himself over and over again, "she'd have bided away from me more patient-like; but there's no reasoning with a dumb critter; she'll just pine away wi' grieving, and maybe get served bad."

His troubled thoughts were snapped asunder by the bustle of an arriving cart, piled high with the new tenant's goods, and crowned by uprooted gooseberry bushes. He rose then with a quickly beating heart, while Vi'let at his feet fluffed herself out indignantly at more intruders upon their beloved privacy. It seemed to Joe that a regiment entered with hobnailed boots, and headed by a red-faced matron, who was evidently at high pressure with the exertion of "riding house." She stared in displeased amazement at the old man, who should have been gone; then fuffed-out Vi'let was quite beneath her notice. Thorne explained himself apologetically.

"I'll be clean gone in a moment, missus; I only waited to pay my respects, and to ast if you'd a mind to kip a cat—'isa wunnerful good cat, and turrible fierce after rats and mice."

It is to be feared that he drew upon his imagination for the rats, but as regards mice he was perfectly in order. But for her fever heat of business, Mrs. Foot, a kind hearted woman, might easily have been touched into acquiescence by his pleading face, quite working with anxiety. Unfortunately, too, the foolish little cat was making a perfect exhibition of herself under the stimulus of a dog barking outside—he knew better than to come in—with that apothosis of indignation evolved out of a mere cat, ready to hurl itself in his direction. To coax her into a more seemly demeanor Joe took her up, and she quieted at once, feeling so secure in her master's arms.

"She's so knowledgeable," he pleaded timidly, as his eyes wandered uneasily to the troop of children, as though he feared the mother might accuse him of wanting to take the bread out of their mouths, "and not a bit covetous or greedy; she'll do with anything—just a few oddies, and if she may bide 'long of you, there's two—dree faggotts in the back house that you'm kindly welcome to."

His voice trailed off into hopelessness as Mrs. Foot eyed him and Vi'let as though she preferred their room to their company, and enunciated a verdict which entirely coincided with 'Liza Legg's, that children was plague enough, and she couldn't be moidered with no cats."

He saw it was hopeless, so he laid his Bible on the mantelshelf, saying he would return for it "d'reckly minute," and sallied forth with an old ferret bag in one hand and Vi'let held close with the other.

As he made his forlorn way down to the river, the cat's fur was dabbled with the old man's bitter tears.



To have to serve his faithful little friend this last shabby trick—to have with his own hands to put to silence the living, loving thing which had comforted his loneliness a thousand times, made his soul rise up in anguish and rebellion. Had he lived so honestly and worked so hard to come only to this? Why not have tithed at least a part of his master's belongings, which had passed so constantly through his hands, and so known better times? He'd known many less particular than himself, and they still had roofs of their own to cover them without troubling the parish. For once dark thoughts possessed his patient soul—dark thoughts of life, of death, and even of God in his heaven. But these could not abide with him long, for suddenly he seemed to see his wife's last living look, with its calm beatitude of perfect trust, reproaching him for his bitterness and want of faith. Such a remembrance had power to brush aside the clouds of his momentary unbelief, and he was only heart-broken as he reached the sandy margin of the river in which he had bathed as a happy, careless lad. Putting down Vi'let—for he had no fear that she would stray from him,—he had to bend his stiff old back painfully to grope for stones. He had literally to feel for them, for the tears were raining down his face. If only he could have told her he was doing it for the best and out of love, for fear worse things might befall her, and to prevent her slowly pining to death!

He was pottering slowly about his hopeless task when a fisherman, who had been an amazed onlooker from the shadow of a tree overhanging the water, accosted him.

"You seem in trouble; can I help you?"

Joe straightened himself slowly with a groan, and his questioner never forgot the tragedy on the patient, uplifted face. Seeing he was addressed by a "better-most" person, he took off his cap, holding it nervously with both hands, while his thin gray hair fluttered in the breeze.

"I be in sort trouble, sir. I've worked, man and bouy, sixty year for the squire—t' old squire, and his father aver 'ee—and now I be come to this. They won't let I bide outside t' House no longer, so I've got to go in, and there ain't no place for Vi'let, so I'm drowning of her—the faithfullest critter that ever lived."

He made a despairing gesture to indicate the cat, who was rubbing against the stranger's legs as though to introduce herself and implore his aid for her master. The stranger stooped to caress it, for in truth the sight of old Thorne's distress was almost more than he could stand.

"She is such a pretty cat; is there no help for it?"

Joe shook his head. "I've arst a many, but none ain't willen; they've either got cats or fierce dogs that Vi'let can't abear. Like me, she's gettin' uplong; but it do zim hard all the same."

He bent to pick up the last stone, and his hands trembled so that he could hardly find the mouth of the ferret bag.

"You say you have worked on the Manor estate all your working life. Do you know the present squire—or, what is more to the purpose, does he know you?"

"I mind him, o' course, but since he come of age he's been home so little—'a-most like a foreigner in the place—he'll not know I for zar-tain."

A few more questions were asked and answered, and then Joe looked anxiously around, for the sun was westing fast, and he had to be in the House before it sank. Taking Vi'let in his arms, he held her gently for a moment, and then tried to put her into the weighted bag; but the task was quite beyond him, and he released her to hide his face and try to stifle the sobs that were shaking his withered body from head to foot.

"I can't do it," he sobbed wildly. "I cant do it!"

The fisherman took the bag away from him and waited a few moments.

"I'll do it," he said kindly. "Leave your little friend to me; I'll do it when you are gone."

Quite spent with the force of his own emotion, Joe looked anxiously to see if he might trust the assurances of his stranger.

"You 'ill do it kind?" he queried so anxiously, thankful to see that Vi'let purred to him as though he inspired confidence, for as a rule she fuffed at new acquaintances and declined to know them.

"I'll do it kind; I promise faithfully."

"I humbly thank you, sir. If you 'ill jus speak soft and call her Vi'let she 'ill be more tract'ble."

Not daring to look again at his old friend, Joe hurried off as fast as his withered legs would carry him, sobbing as he went. Vi'let struggled to follow him, but was prevented, and, like her poor old master, she had to yield to the inevitable.

The fisherman waited until Joe had passed out of sight and hearing and then with one whirl of his strong arm he threw the ferret bag and stones right into the deep of the river. But Vi'let was still safely in his arms, and he looked at his captive smilingly as he gathered up his fishing tackle and hurried off to the Manor. Vi'let cried piteously after the vanished Joe,

but she was quite without fear for her own personal safety. His touch was kind and gentle, and he called her Vi'let.

Young, warm-hearted, generous, with all these feelings stirred to the uttermost by the painful scene he had just witnessed, Vi'let's jailer made nothing of the distance to the Manor, and stormed the private entrance as one who had a perfect right to do so. Without asking leave of any he brought his captive right into the presence of the young squire himself, who was transacting dry business, and horribly bored and out of temper at his durance vile on so fine an evening.

"Jack, you fortunate, lazy, idle beggar. I've been envying you the whole blessed—What the deuce have you got there? A cat?"

His friend went over to him, laying a hand on his shoulder, and looked down at him with eager eyes, which, but for the absurdity of the thing, the squire could have sworn had tears in them.

Yes, a cat Tom! the very queen of cats. Do you know what I have just seen?—a poor old man trying to drown his little friend and companion before going off to the 'House.' He tried so hard, but he could not do it. Oh, Tom! to see such heartbreak in an old face; it is bad enough in the young, only somehow you know it will mend again; but this one—so old and so helpless—such a good face, too, honest and upright, so patient, too, for all its pain. God! to think of a man's world narrowing down to one faithful little cat—and he trying to drown it at last! He made me think of my own dad as he might be some day, until I could scarcely answer him—there's such sublime pathos about helpless old age. Now, Tom, you must let me rent a cottage—at once! no delay!—and we'll have him out of the Union' before another twenty-four hours please God! Now for the queen of cats! Where can we keep her secure for the night? I would not lose her for a hundred pounds, and I would not lose the joy of their meeting for twice a hundred!"

He paused, for his breath caught, and for a few moments the squire looked carefully out of the window.

"Sit down, old man—you and your precious cat! We must talk this over, you know; and please remember that I am in the job as well."

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It was rather late the next day—for Jack Selhurst and the squire had been tremendously busy—when the former entered the old men's ward of the Union. There they sat like poor forgotten pawns which had been swept off the board of life and were waiting to be returned whence they came. All of them looked more or less forlorn, and poor old Thorne sat somewhat apart, quite spent and exhausted with all the emotion of the previous day. He had not vitality enough to be much astonished at the advent of the stranger to see him, but he felt it was meant as an assurance that he had fulfilled the promise.

"You did it kind, sir?" he queried, but he had no heart to ask further. The mere thought of Vi'let lying stark at the bottom of the river was too much for his hardly maintained composure.

Eulogy of the Year That's Past

By a Vick Reader

What! Gone so soon?

It seems but yesterday that thou wast born;
Amid the sparkling brilliancy of the feathery snow.

'Tis ever thus. In childhood's happy days, a year,
Seemed as a score unto me now.

How kind of God, to make the time seem long,
When pain and care are at their minimum,
But when our cares increase and troubles multiply;
He shortens time, and strengthens heart and soul,
That we may stand and glorify His name.

We cheerish most the blessings last received,
And though this year has brought to me withal,
Sorrows intense and bitterest agony;
Yet, more than all the joys of former years,
Has been the joy I've known in walking nearer to God;
And more than all the lessons learned in all the schools,
The one great lesson taught me from above,
The one that guides me safely past life's shoals,
The all-important lesson—God is love.

"I did it kind," the young man answered gently, "and now I have obtained permission to take you for a little drive. Will you come?"

Too inert to care one way or the other, yet responding to the kindly manner of the invitation, and rather amazed at it, old Joe looked blankly round, as though the walls of the ward were those of a prison.

"I dunno as I'm allowed—" he began; but Selhurst assured him again that he was, and lost no time in leading him out of the building to place him in a low, comfortable pony carriage. There happened to be a warm coat flung carelessly on the vacant seat, and the passenger had to take possession of it, for the evening air was chilly. The pleasant warmth of the coat and the cheerfulness of being out of doors did Joe good, and he began to chirp a little as they traversed the familiar road at a merry pace. Like most country folk, he had a knowing eye for a horse, and it did not take him long to discover that he and the pony were old acquaintances.

"Why sure enough, 'tis old squire's Silvertail, ain't it?"

Selhurst who had never enjoyed himself so much in his life, admitted blithely that it was Silvertail in the flesh, and Joe began to wonder whom he was driving with, although he knew it could not be the young squire himself. He grew quite chatty as the pleasant motion brisked him up, and began pointing out the objects of interest to the stranger as they passed them by so swiftly.

"There be Pitgroun, where I did the very first piece of plowin' as ever I put a hand to. I mind the furrows were crookeder than the hind legs of a dog. Folks as knows nothin' of plowin' thinks it's easy done, but I 'low they should try it."

Presently they were passing a copse which was just feathering out into spring green, and he looked at the new growth of wood with the eye of an expert.

"I've done a goodish bit to hurdling in that there copse; I see they'm givin' it a bit of a rest 'Tis turr'ble rheumatically work, and I hadn't followed it long before getting crippled up."

But he grew mournfully silent as they drove on by the river, and so close to the scene of yesterday's tragedy. If that portion of their route could have been avoided—Selhurst would have chosen some other way. By this time they were close to the Manor gates, which were protected on either side by a small and trimly kept lodge. In one of these lived the head gardener and his wife; in the other, which had been tenantless for some months, was the squire himself, trying to soothe and comfort a restless, unquiet cat, who had previously had her paws carefully buttered by the gardener's wife in order to reconcile her to new quarters.

At the door of this lodge Silvertail drew up with much decision, and Joe was asked to alight. Quite dazed by the extraordinary things that were happening to him, he did so, after vainly murmuring that "he thanked the gentleman kindly, but wasn't it time he was going backlong?"

Selhurst shook his head as he helped the tottering old figure and cared for it tenderly.

"Mr. Thorne," he said cheerfully, "you are not going backlong any more. I want you to understand this clearly."

Joe understood nothing; he was in a dream, and therefore past speech altogether. As the two entered, the young squire rose from his ministrations with welcome in his face, and the restless little gray cat, who had proved a veritable handful to her anxious guardians, became suddenly almost delirious with happiness. For a moment Joe regarded her as some mysteriously risen ghost, and then the rapture of recognition glowed upon his worn face and made it almost young again.

"Vi'let! My Vi'let!"

It was all that he could say for some time, as he was fain to sink into a comfortable armchair and let Vi'let announce her bodily presence by vibrant purrs and a scarification of his face with a very rough and eager little tongue. They were both too rejoiced to be in any way coherent, but the sympathizing onlookers felt well rewarded for their labor of love. But presently, when the old man could look around, he found even more than one recovered treasure. There was the rickety fourposter, with its comfortable feather bed, which had been wrested from 'Liza Legg by generous compensation; there was also the oak bureau, which the vicar had brought down himself the very moment he had heard of what was in the wind. There was a homely tea laid for two, for one cupless saucer had cream in it, as the squire and Selhurst had both decided that Vi'let had fretted as well as her master over the separation, and that her ribs must be better covered than they were. A cheerful wood fire twinkled upon the hearth, and there was just enough homely comfort to keep an old man and his cat happy and content.

Joe did not quite realize all his good fortune until the squire explained it to him very clearly and kindly, with a neighborly hand on his shoulder.

"Mr. Thorne, this is now your home—yours and Vi'let's. I consider it your due, and not charity. You have been an honest and faithful

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The New Year

"A year to be glad in, not to be sad in,
A year to live in, to gain and give in;
A year for trying not for sighing;
A year for striving and hearty thriving:
A bright new year! Oh, hold it dear!
For God who sendeth, He only lendeth."

On the Stage

By R. F. Knapp

She was beautiful. All actresses are; but then she was uncommonly so. She liked to think of herself as an actress, though in reality, the "company" was only a few of the town people who were giving a play for the benefit of the library fund.

She was the heroine of the play—the beautiful princess, and Leon Durfee was the prince who had come to woo her. They had been children together and were in the same class at school, but somehow of late they had drifted apart. He had grown to look up to her as some beautiful fairy, too good for earth and for him, but deep down in his heart there was a longing—a something he could not define, and somehow he became a different being when she was near. But he had no more thought of claiming her than if she had been a true princess and he her humble servant.

And she? She missed the merry lad of former years. Her cheeks became a deeper pink when his name was spoken, and she longed yet feared to be near him. Of course he must never know—never suspect that she was ought but his friend.

"And who is to be the prince?" she asked, when she had consented to act the part of the princess.

"I do not know," replied the manager. "Clark was to ask Blyne, and I do not know whether he has consented or not."

In the first act the prince was to rush in, clasp the princess in his arms, and exclaim, "Hasten, let us flee, ere they discover us," etc.

At the first rehearsal she stood waiting for the entrance of the prince. Suddenly someone ran up behind her and threw his arms about her waist, exclaiming, "Hasten—"

Whose voice? Whose but Leon's? Every fiber of her being quivered, and the roses of her cheeks took on a deeper hue. What was it that sent the blood rushing wildly through her veins? What was it that made the whole play seem different now? She did not hear the dialogue between the duke and the duchess, and nearly forgot her speech which followed. When they had departed together, she said, "I did not know that you were to be the prince."

"Neither did I, till Blyne refused," he replied.

In the second act came the prince's desertion, and the princess sang, and sang from her heart, "Sad is her lot who loves in vain; Sad, ah, sad," etc. Then he returned and threw himself at her feet, declaring that he loved her better than all else, and the play ended in a pretty tableau, picturing the happy lovers seated side by side.

At every rehearsal, the princess half longed for, half dreaded the arrival of the prince. She loved, and loved in vain, never suspecting that his heart was hers—all hers, and that he longed from the depths of his soul to call her his own.

The last rehearsal was over, and they had now returned, dressed and ready for the play. Could she ever do it? She sat alone thinking it all over, and wondering if she would fail. She was tired and nervous, and dreaded it more with each succeeding moment. In little more than a quarter hour the curtain would rise and she must be calm and ready. Oh, if the prince were anybody else—anybody, she thought,

but could she ever bear it once more?

"Oh, I shall break down, I know I shall!" she mentally cried. "When he throws his arms around me, and I realize that he is not mine—that after tonight it is all over—Oh, I can't do it—I shall break down; I almost did at the last rehearsal. If these rehearsals could only go on and on and last forever—" She fell into a dream of "might-have-beens" and it was thus that Leon discovered her five minutes later.

He stood in the doorway a moment to gaze on the beautiful picture. She sat—half reclined—and unconscious of his presence, her beautiful hair falling over her handsome shoulders, and the folds of her shining gown lying carelessly over the chair.

He stood an instant, spellbound. Then involuntarily he stepped forward and clasped her in his arms, regardless of the lace and the roses which were being crushed in the embrace. He was wild—reckless. He was overcome by the burning love which was

consuming his very soul. Forgetful of his unworthiness, forgetful of everything but that he was with her—her who was everything to him, he exclaimed, "Oh, my darling, I love you, I love you, I have told you so every night at rehearsal, and I shall tell you so once more to-night. I am not acting it; it comes from my heart. Darling, answer me to-night. Tell me with your eyes."

Her eyes told him then what her answer would be, though she did not speak, for the curtain was about to rise, and she drew herself from his arms and smoothed out her crumpled lace. In the last act, when he repeated the old, old story, she whispered, forgetful of the play, the audience, everything but him—"Yours, dear, only yours."

Transformation of The Laflan Land

By John Jordan Douglass

It was the old story,—a heavily mortgaged farm and a heavy-hearted farmer,—but there was something new and fresh in it: so new and fresh, indeed, that the story is worth the telling.

To begin with, the Laflan land, in West Ridge township, was poor—the poorest in the county, it was said. The timbered tract across "Screech Owl Swamp" had been exhausted to supply firewood, and to keep intact a straggling rail fence which skirted the sandy acres.

Even the mischievous crows, passing over, jeered hoarsely at Abe Laflan, a sturdy youth of sixteen, and at his spiritless gray mule. At any rate, the merry black rascals passed on to more fertile acres. And a local wit claimed that, in crossing the Laflans' land, they usually carried their rations with them, lest night should overtake them in "Screech Owl Swamp."

It was nothing strange that the Laflans had always been poor. They were poor by absorption, by affinity and every other law known to man. The thirsty soil swallowed up their efforts like a sponge and gave nothing—or next to nothing—in return.

There was a strong trace of determination in Abe Laflan's face and figure. He was short for his years, freckled and red-headed. His bright blue eyes glinted the fire of energy. A firm, finely-curved mouth bespoke, even in its silence, self-mastery and strength of character.

One thing the boy desired above all others—an education. Once he had come in close contact with a learned man, a college professor on his annual vacation, and an electric spark had been transmitted to the boy's soul. No less faithfully, after that mental awakening, had Abe followed the furrows; but a wolf of unrest gnawed ceaselessly within him. There were day-dreams and night-dreams of the wide world beyond. Yet, when he gazed into the white face of his invalid, and widowed mother and counted the needs of two little sisters, he saw with sinking heart that, between the realm of manual labor and mental opportunity, was for him a great gulf, fixed and inexorable as death.

He stood, one bright morning in early autumn, con-

templating his corn-fields, a man's seriousness shadowing his face. He realized only too fully and painfully that the harvest would hardly suffice to supply the family through midwinter. It was no fault of his; he had labored hard and faithfully to develop the sterile soil. Before him, like a gigantic haven of nightmare, loomed the unpaid mortgage. By no stint of his own, or those he loved, could he pay off the claim. He could not rent the farm and move to one more productive—the ill fame of the Laflan land had gone abroad. The chance of an education seemed a mockery—an ever-elusive *will o' the wisp*.

His troubled gaze traveled from corn-field to cotton-field, and finally to "Screech Owl Swamp," which separated his infertile fields from the ragged remnant of a forest. The prospect was disheartening.

Suddenly, however, a new idea flashed to his brain. If only he could redeem the swamp land! Rich with the deposit of the virgin soil washed from his now bleak, barren hills, and with successive growths of rank vegetation rotting into its black mire, it was verily an *oasis* in the desert. By drainage, and drainage only, he could save it! Was it possible for a boy of sixteen to accomplish this herculean—almost titanic—task? For a moment he stood motionless as if inwardly struggling, then a light of determination transfigured his freckled face, a steel-like glitter darted from his blue eyes and he resolved to redeem the swamp or die.

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The scant harvest gathered, Abe took up his task. It was one difficult and disagreeable in the extreme. Every ditcher knows what it means to stand knee-deep in muck and mire, to be caught by sudden inrushes of water, and to keep a sharp lookout for quick-sand and crumbling banks. But the boy never gave up. From sunrise to sunset he worked with the tireless energy of a beaver. Before him, better and brighter, because of intervening barriers, rose the gleaming goal of education. And he meant to reach and claim it at the last.

"I will go to school," he had declared to his sympathetic mother, "if I must work my way through by ringing the bell and blacking shoes. But, of course," he added, "I'll first make you and the little sisters comfortable."

It was a noble impulse—the more so because of its pathetic hopelessness—and the mother cheered him with a word of encouragement. Thus strengthened and encouraged he continued his toil.

Finally the work was finished. The water of the swamp flowed out into the adjoining arid fields. To them it seemed to impart fertility—a new productive power—for no such corn had ever grown there as grew the season after the draining of the swamp. And regarding "Screech Owl Swamp" itself, a rice crop of wonderful yield and quality was gathered from it. Indeed, the sale of the corn and cotton produced by the irrigated fields, in addition to that of the rice crops, proved sufficient to raise the mortgage, and to give Abe Laflan a year at college. Seeing his pluck and energy, the President of the institution (who, by the way, was the professor of Abe's country acquaintance) granted him a scholarship. He completed his education, graduating with high honor at the head of his class.

Unlike many, who were lured to the towns and cities by the get-rich-quick craze, he returned to the farm. Putting in practice the theories acquired at college, he has enriched his land till it is regarded as the best in the county. He is to-day a wealthy planter, a man of liberality and large influence, loved and honored in his community, a living example—to the youth of his generation—of the principles which produce prosperity and success.

The Immensity of Siberia

A traveler in Siberia writing in an exchange says that few people realize the immensity of that country. To think of a single state stretching through 130 degrees of longitude and possessing one-ninth of all the land surface of the globe is staggering. The United States and all its possessions, and all Europe, except Russia, could be put into Siberia, with land enough left over to make thirty-five states like Connecticut. He had thought of it as a convict settlement only, as most persons do, no doubt. He found it a country of nearly 9,000,000 people, ninety-seven per cent of whom are either natives or voluntary immigrants, and all living better and enjoying more political and religious liberty than people in European Russia have. Where he traveled it was like Minnesota, where wheat, rye and vegetables and strawberries, raspberries and currants grow, and sheep and horses graze unsheltered the year round.

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New Year Garden Plans

By Miss Greenlee

The size of the yard or garden and the amount of money one has to spend upon it are, of course, the main factors in determining a garden plan. If the place is bare and new and the income moderate it may not be possible to plant a complete garden the first year. Rather than attempt too much it is better to merely draw firmly and well the bare outline: To grade the lawn evenly and smoothly, enrich it and sow thickly with some fine mixture of grass. To choose a few trees and shrubs in good varieties, placing and planting them well about the boundaries and where they will screen and shelter the buildings. However small the yard, it should have an open grassy centre.

Trees and Shrubs

One or two tall trees are enough for a small city yard; large country places should show bowers and cathedrals of them. The nursery catalogues are written intelligently nowadays and a close study of them and of the trees flourishing in yards of the neighborhood will help greatly toward a wise selection. Beware of using too many dark evergreens, and too many variegated shrubs. The trees and shrubs of a place must be planted carefully, too, where they will shelter and screen the house, but shut out from its windows no beautiful views; where they will soften its outline but not smother them.

Allow for the growth of trees and shrubs in making your plans. Two vigorous spruces planted close on either side a walk or gate would quite close it with their branches after ten year's growth. This is a good month to study the evergreens in yards and parks for the purpose of selecting your own. They are planted chiefly for winter effects and shelter. Notice their habit of growth, how they hold their masses of snow, whether the effect is gloomy or cheerful. The white pine (Weymouth) is a grand tree for large yards; for small ones the blue spruce is better.

The shrubs scatter their flowers over a much longer season than the trees. From the time when the forsythias first blaze out like sunbursts in March until the great white Hydrangea plumes slowly redden with the autumn leaves, there are flowers aglow in a well chosen shrubbery. Even a small shrub collection should include some rhododendrons and kalmias, which are among our handsomest broad-leaved evergreens as well as our choicest, gayest summer-flowering shrubs. The spireas, lilacs, deutzias, mock-oranges, all are loved and lovely, and will grow anywhere. I plead for a thicker and more effective planting of shrub borders and a less frequent dotting of specimens on the green of the lawn.

The Choice of Vines.

Where a tree or shrub may not find room vines may grow and nothing can so quickly tone down the rawness of a new place and lend it a home-like charm. While the trees and shrubs are not yet large enough to make any impression on the landscape, vines will



Deutzia Lemoinei

screen sunny porches and windows, festooning bleak walls and bare angles into bowers of beauty. "The honeysuckle on the porch" is one of the sweetest memories of many an old home, and climbing roses are the ideal vines for house walls and verandas. Some vines that climb high and twine tightly are the wis-

taria and bignonia. I would never plant them near fine trees, but nothing is more beautiful for house-fronts, summer houses and pergolas than the wistaria. The trumpet creeper is not so graceful, but it is very showy in midsummer when its great scarlet chalices nod in heavy clusters from the tips of waving branches.

The large-flowered clematises, also, are showy, and bloom in relays through the summer,—a merit rare among our vines. Jackmani, purple; Henri, white; Ramona, lavender-violet, are among the best. Every one loves the small-flowered clematis, with lovely, scented garlands of small white flowers. It is beautiful anywhere, and, to my mind, the native Virginia is quite as fine as *Paniculata*, so much trumpeted of late.

Morning-glories, nasturtiums and sweet peas may be chosen to garland the fences. They are annual vines and quite inexpensive, though exceedingly pretty and picturesque.

The Flower Beds and Borders.

In hot midsummer weather, when perspiration starts at the slightest provocation, simplicity in gardening seems far more beautiful and enjoyable than the profuse, fanciful type that plans more than can be executed and leaves ragged edges of grass and weeds everywhere. Gardening is much of life to those who love flowers, but should not be all of it.

That was a good old-fashioned idea of literally bedding the house in flowers, i. e. continuing the flower beds all around its foundation wall. It gave room for many pretty groups of dear little plants that one likes close enough to be constantly enjoyed, yet made it unnecessary to cut up the sward immediately in front of the house.

A friend of mine has recently been carrying out the picture idea in her garden. She complained, on taking up photography, that her garden was all a jumble,—she could get no backgrounds for her flower pictures, no breadth of foreground. Now she has fewer flowers than formerly but every curve of drive and path is beautiful; from any point her few flower beds make beautiful pictures. The lawn has a broader, more restful effect.

Among the groups of trees and shrubs fringing a wide lawn there should be natural bays and inlets for perennials, tall lilies and lines of spring-flowering bulbs. The latter, together with stocks, wall-flowers, violets, pansies and a few early-flowering shrubs, like the forsythia and spicy flowering currant, provide well for April.

May and June could not be flowerless, with their roses, lilies, iris and gay train of flowering shrubs.

For July and August there are relays of sturdy summer-flowering bulbs and such annuals as the salvia, petunia, portulaca, verberna and dwarf phlox. A little later bloom the stately perennial phloxes and poppies, the flame flowers and asters.

Even when frosts begin to fall the hardy pompon chrysanthemums, Japan anemones and monks-hoods still make a cheery glow along the garden walks. Let us hope that the New Year garden plans made this month upon paper, will include some brightness for all the months, January itself, may be cheered with a display of crimson and golden-barked shrubs showing brilliantly against the snow, or some burly evergreen. The bittersweet, the hollies, the bar berries and coral berries are even gayer with showy fruitage.

Two Traps for Winter Sunbeams.

Those of us who have modest incomes can easily persuade ourselves that a small greenhouse made of movable sashes, that is a hotbed or coldframe, is really more convenient than the greenhouse proper. A snug and tight winter house may be made of the sashes, while in summer they can be removed and the beds they covered left open to the sky, for sweetening and renewing the soil.

The sashes are usually made about three by six feet in size, and cost when painted and glazed, about two dollars apiece. If properly handled they will last for many years. The warmth of a hotbed is derived from fermenting manure closely packed in the bottom of a two or three-foot excavation made in a warm, sunny spot, and fitted with a box frame to hold the sashes. To give these the proper slant to catch sunbeams the frame is usually about a foot high on the northern side and only a few inches high, or quite even with the ground, on the southern. All around the outside of this frame the soil is banked closely.

The depth of the heating manure-layer varies in different hotbeds from three feet to one foot. Too little heat is better than too much, and it is well for a beginner to err on the safe side. Upon the surface of this warming-pan is spread a four-inch layer of rich, mellow soil, and between this and the glass there should be an air space of about six inches. A mat or shutter of some sort must be ready to cover the glass at night and on cold days after the seeds are sown. Hotbeds made up in January will lose their first fierce heat and be subsiding to the gentle warmth needed for starting the seeds that we expect to arrive in time for

sowing in February. But of course he snow and the frozen earth are to be reckoned with. How much depends upon the weather!

A coldframe is merely a glass-covered box, though the box has no bottom except the earth on which it is placed. This earth is properly rich and mellow, but has no heating layer beneath it, as in the case of the hotbed. The coldframe is almost as important to window gardening as the kitchen is to housekeeping. It is a capital place in which to grow the winter supply of violets and pansies, which love not house temperatures. Here also, may be grown English and Paris daisies, candytuft, mignonette and sweet alyssum. When chrysanthemums, bulbs, or the gay flowers that come as Christmas gifts, demand on unusual amount of window space it is sometimes necessary to remove



other plants to make room for them. Then the cinerarias, primroses, geraniums, stevias, libonias and other half-tender plants will enjoy a visit to the coldframe and return to the windows in a few weeks all the better for it. The frame is a better place than the cellar for storing flats or pots of bulbs until their buds appear.

The plants from seeds sown in hotbeds are usually transplanted into coldframes, as soon as they are large enough, to give them more space for growing. In gentle climates the frame may entirely supplant the hotbed, greatly to the relief of the beginner in gardening, for whom the artificial heat of the latter sometimes proves treacherous.

Plants that are only being wintered over to bloom next spring need not be coddled; they will stand several degrees of frost. As we want violets all winter, we wrap the frames containing these, around outside with a good bank of litter, and cover the sashes with mats and shutters to keep out frost. But if we would have good violets in plenty we must ventilate the frames in fine weather and let in all the sunshine we can. Pansies, anemones, mignonette and narcissi may be gathered plentifully from frames all winter, if treated like violets. Pinch off the lateral shoots of mignonette to secure good spikes of bloom.

The Care of Christmas-Given Plants.

A plant that some friend has grown for you, perhaps for six months or more, and sent with a loving message on Christmas morning is a very dear thing and one much to be cherished. The little *Loraine begonia* is one of the most popular of Christmas gifts, yet it puzzles some window gardeners sadly. Most of the specimens I have seen suffered from overwatering. They like water, warmth and light all in moderation. An eastern window, where they will have good light but not full sun is a good place for them. In March or February the flowers will begin to fade, for the plant is fairly exhausted with them, and it wants to rest. Give less and less water at that time, allowing the plant to stand almost dormant until the weather grows mild enough to set it outdoors. Here summer showers and a repotting in fresh soil will soon start it to growing again.

Primroses, cyclamen, pots of Dutch bulbs, plams and ferns will fare nicely in a north window. Water them all carefully and very moderately, except the Dutch bulbs, which need plenty of water to sustain their heavy flower-stems. Too much water poured or sprinkled over their tops will cause primroses and cyclamen to decay at the crown.

Red-berried *radisias* and *solanums* must also be watered carefully and protected from sudden changes of atmosphere which might cause their beautiful fruits to drop. The little *Otaheite orange* needs about the same care. The fruits of the *radisia* will remain bright for a year if the little bush has good treatment.

Poinsettias, or Christmas plants, as they are called from the rich display of the Christmas color on their



wide whorls of leaves, are not good window plants. They cannot long be kept bright and happy-looking outside of the warm, moist atmosphere of the greenhouse. The brilliant bracts fade with the flowers in a few weeks. When these are cut away the plant is no longer beautiful, and may be stored in a dark, warm place to rest until springtime.

Plans to Keep the Air Moist.

In moist atmospheres a much greater variety of plants can be grown and fewer insects will appear. With the best of intentions a busy housekeeper cannot shower her plants every day. Rooms heated by flat-topped stoves or coils of pipe may be kept healthfully moist by vessels of evaporating water. If one end of a Turkish towel, or a strip of thick dark felt is placed in a vessel kept full of water and the other end laid on the hot pipes it will be found a good way to keep the air in a small room or conservatory moist.

In rooms heated by wall registers or ornamented stoves and heaters the problem of keeping the air moist is not so easily solved. Some good may be done in such rooms by hanging wet sponges against the registers and packing wet moss between the pots in the window boxes. A little oil stove on which a small tea-kettle can be kept boiling is also good to place in such quarters.

The Morning Glory as a Window Plant.

Who has had experience with the morning glory as a window plant? It ought to be an ideal window vine.

I have had the seeds spring up in my window boxes often, but never succeeded in training long vines from them up over the window, as I always hoped to do. The following extract from a correspondent's letter will interest all who love morning glories,—and who does not?

"This winter a morning glory came up in a pot beside one of my begonias. When it reached the top of the plant, two feet from the soil it began to make buds, and has given me blossoms from time to time all winter. When everything is white with snow outside, and I make my morning rounds among my plants, coming suddenly upon that bright pink summer flower I feel very much as if in a strange town I had met an old acquaintance."

The Flower Calendar—January.

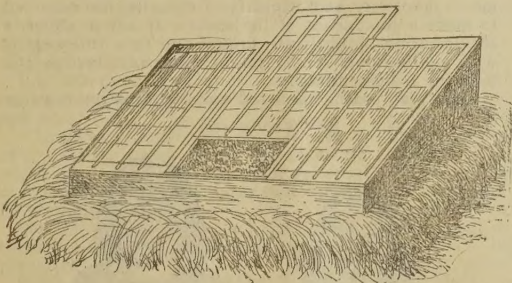
Ab, well I mind the calendar, faithful through a thousand years,

Of the painted race of flowers. *Emerson.*

All the success of the garden lies in doing right things at right times. This little calendar of reminders hopes to be very helpful to all readers of *Vick's Magazine* from month to month throughout the year.

The most important bit of garden work of the whole year is to be done this month,—the planning. A clear diagram on paper, showing what plants you are to grow where and how many of them, will be a great help in ordering seeds and other garden paraphernalia, and this comes next.

Flower catalogues will come fluttering to your table like butterflies this month. If they do not, order them. Seeds, plants, tools, fertilizers, etc., should



Plan for Hotbed

be ordered in January or February also, if you wish better goods for the same money. The plants will be reserved for you until it is time to ship them.

Sometimes January finds the winter mulches of manure still unspread. Better spread them late than never. When the Christmas evergreens fade they make a good protection for outdoor beds.

This and the next month are the right ones for building hotbeds and coldframes for starting early seeds and plants in.

While spreading mulches and fertilizers, do not forget the grass of the lawn. A thin coat of manure need not be offensive and will make the turf much thicker and brighter. Bone meal scattered over the snow is even better than manure, for it contains no weed seeds. The stones that interfered with the mowing last season may help to make a good rockery in a shady corner.

Window Garden Reminders.

Let in all the sunshine possible and change the plants about frequently, so that all the sun-loving ones may have a sun bath. In showering the leaves of plants, take pains to wet the undersides of the leaves. This will greatly discourage the red spider and other insects.

All deciduous plants in active growth must be kept moist while they give proof of it in new shoots and flowers. Evergreen plants of all kinds, be they palms, ferns, carnations, petunias, camellias, or anything else of the kind, must be kept moist at the root at all times, more or less so according to the season or condition of growth.

Keep your window plants turned about, so that they will be shapely, and do not turn all their leaves and flowers outward to the light, for show and for the benefit of passers-by. We really grow them for the enjoyment of the home folks. Faded leaves and flowers



Pompon Chrysanthemum

have a ragged, unkempt look and should be removed. The bulbs potted last fall are pushing up their leaves. Bring those farthest advanced up to the sitting-room, but do not place them yet in the full light of the window. If no shelf near the floor is ready for them they can be placed on the floor near the windows and covered with one thickness of thin muslin or paper for a few days. This helps to give the flower-stems graceful length. Give the roots plenty of water, and in a few days remove to an eastern or northern window. Bulbs do not need much of either light or heat to perfect their flowers, which last twice as long in moderately cool temperatures.

On very cold nights draw the plants back from the windows, no matter how snug may be the fittings. The floor is the coldest place in a room, so do not leave tender plants standing on it. Sometimes a large lamp or small oil stove, left burning over night in a room or pit, will give enough extra heat to keep out frost on severely cold nights.

Things to Avoid in January.

Overwatering is a special sin of this season. Most plants are dormant now, and need only a moderate supply. Too much water sours the soil in pots and careless watering makes emphatic the need of good, deep drainage for the pots of window garden plants. Watering and showering should be done in the forenoon.

Most people think that if a plant is not growing it ought to be forced into growth with a suitable fertilizer but a resting plant ought to complete its rest. Wait until it starts to grow and then give fertilizers.

Do not let your plants get dusty. Cover them with newspapers when the room is swept, and shower the leaves, in some way, at least once a week, to keep them clean.

When ventilation is given, see that cold air does not blow directly upon your plants. A screen may be placed so as to protect them, or the windows of an adjoining room may be opened instead of those of the room in which the plants grow. If the weather is fine and mild they should stay open long enough to completely freshen the air in the room once a day. If the day is bright but frosty, open them just a little in the forenoon, one after another, at the top, and close when the room grows too cold to be comfortable. Seventy degrees is a good day temperature for plants and people, but none of the plants ordinarily grown in windows complain of a drop to sixty degrees, which some of us prefer.

Do not use liquid animal fertilizers for pot plants in windows. These are safe and good for them when summering outdoors, or when grown in pits in winter, but for window-grown plants some one of the various plant foods is better. If the soil in certain pots seems to harbor tiny gnats or flies, spread a thin layer of charcoal dust or woodashes on top. Soot also is good for this, but use it carefully, or it will kill your plants.

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Yuccas for Picturesque Effects

By Danske Dandridge

Some one has said that the Hollyhock is the only decorative plant of any importance to the landscape gardener. Surely the author of that statement can never have seen *Yuccas* rightly used. We claim for them that they surpass the Hollyhock in usefulness, valuable as this grand old-fashioned plant is. But *Yuccas* are evergreen, and therefore beautiful all the year round, while the Hollyhock is only so in its season of bloom. It is true that this extends over a long period, if the right kinds of Hollyhocks are used.

But groups of *Yuccas* are indispensable to every garden large enough for picturesque grouping of trees and plants. Singly they are ineffective; they should be planted in bold groups, either alone, or with the company of the larger grasses, reeds, bamboos, or other suitable plants.

A rocky bank may be made beautiful by planting *Yuccas* down its slopes and among its rocks.

There is something that we may call, for want of a better name, architectural in the outlines of *Yuccas*, making them just the right plants for placing about the house, to mark its foundations, or, more formally, in tubs on either side of the entrance. Good clumps should have conspicuous places on the lawn, and on margins of shrubberies. They harmonize well with Flag Irises, Summer Hyacinth, (*Hyacinthus candicans*), with Day Lilies and Tritomas; *Cannas* and *Gladioli*. They are indispensable for large rock-gardens, and for the borders of beds of evergreens.

A few cultural directions may be useful to the amateur.

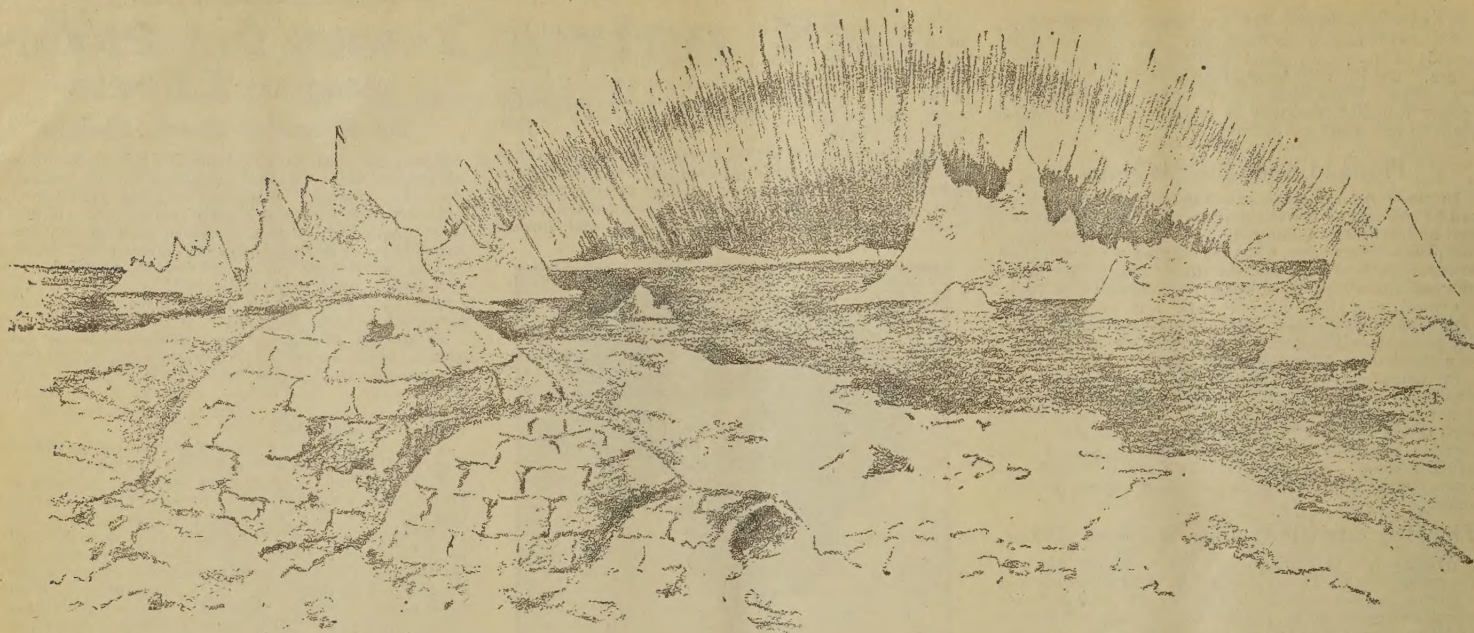
Beds for all the plants named should be well prepared in the first place. They should be dug to the depth of two feet, and the soil enriched with well-rotted manure. If it is heavy clay, this should be removed, and the bed filled in with, first, a layer of crushed stone or brick for drainage, then with a compost of good garden loam, manure, and a little sand. Peat is not so good for *Yuccas*. Two parts manure,



three of any good garden soil, and one of sand, is a good filling for such beds, which should be raised six inches above the level and left to settle before the plants are set in it. *Yuccas* may be procured from the nurserymen in October, and planted three feet apart each way. They do not like removal, and should be planted in permanent beds. While they are growing, which is a slow process, the spaces between them can be utilized by *Cannas*, *Gladioli*, Irises of many kinds, or any harmonious plant that the gardener fancies. Frequent hoeing is a help to them. Once established a bed of *Yuccas* is good for fifty years.

The best *Yuccas* I have ever seen are planted in an old garden that I know, where they form a border to the vegetable beds in company with old-fashioned *Cinnamons*, *Damasks*, and Hundred-petalled *Roses*;

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OUR COUSINS OF THE NORTHLAND

By T. Celestine Cummings

Amusements of Eskimo Children

SEATED around the fireside at the twilight hour, with the glow of the blazing logs reflected on their eager faces, the children of our family with several of the neighboring children, would listen with breathless interest, to delightful tales of other lands, told by our seafaring relative Captain Aubrey, familiarly called by every one 'Uncle Aubrey.' The narrative of how the Eskimo boys and girls spend their time in the frozen North, was especially fascinating. Eskimo children are jolly little people, all through the long winter night they have at the North Pole. They are as full of fun and play as children in warmer climes, and, strange as it may seem to us who think our winters severe, Eskimo sports are mostly out door games. Clad in reindeer-skin garments from top to toe like Kimmiloo and Paulik whose pictures we print, they keep as warm as our own little folk.

In these days, whaling vessels make frequent trips to Kepperton, and other whaling stations, carrying all kinds of goods the Eskimo needs, in exchange for their whale oil, hides, ivory and whalebone.

There is one kind of play that the Eskimo boys never tire of—a roll down hill. They select a short but steep hill well covered with snow, and seating themselves on the top of the ridge, thrust their heads between their legs, pass their clinched, gloved hands over their ankles pressing them as closely together as possible, making themselves into as round a shape as they can, then away they go on a rolling race down hill, suddenly spreading themselves out at full length as they come to an abrupt halt at the foot of the hill.

This is certainly an odd way to 'toboggan' isn't it? Every now and then when a playful mood strikes a boy, he will double himself up and roll down hill, without waiting for the rivalry of a race, but it is violent exercise and bumps the little urchin severely, and for this reason I don't believe American boys will try this novel style of tobogganing very often.

Another athletic amusement in which the boys indulge and which requires a great deal of strength, is a peculiar kind of short race on the hands and feet. The boys lean forward on their hands and feet, with their legs and arms held stiffly as possible and under no circumstances must they bend their elbows or knees. In this stiff and rigid position, resting only on their feet, and on the knuckles of their clinched hands, they jump or hitch forward a couple of inches, by a quick convulsive movement of the whole body. These movements are rapidly repeated until the contestants have covered two or three yards along the hard snow-drifts. By that time they will stop to rest as this sort of exercise is rather strenuous. Think of

short jerky rabbit leaps and you will have a pretty good idea of these 'Jerky Races.'

The Eskimo boys have still another method of racing somewhat similar to the above. The arms are folded across the breast and the knees held firmly rigid, with the feet close together. Then the contestants paddle along fast as possible by short jumps of an inch or two. It is a severe strain on the feet and one cannot get very far in so awkward a way. The little girls join the boys in this racing, jumping up and down in the same manner.

In all their games the Eskimo children croon rude songs keeping time to the movements made. Of course these songs are not what we would call 'musical,' as they are mere splutterings in short jerks and gasps. Down at the station a lot of these boys and girls would favor the sailors with a short performance of this stiff style of jumping, accompanied with the spluttering melody. Whenever they were particularly grateful for some small gift, 'Uncle Aubrey' had presented to them, and as a very particular evidence of their delight would offer to share with him some of their candy. You could never imagine the material used in the manufacture of this delectable sweet, for so it is to these Eskimo children.

In Eskimo land there is a kind of water fowl called 'dovekie.' They are about the size of our wild ducks and have black plumage with webbed feet of a brilliant red color. When the men have killed the dovekies, the women cut off their bright red feet and draw out the bones, then by blowing into the skins they distend them much as possible to form pouches. When these are thoroughly dried they are filled with reindeer tallow and the bright red packages are regarded by the children as their greatest treat.

Another kind of dainty is the marrow from the shin bone of the reindeer. When the meat is stripped from the bones of the reindeer legs, these bones are placed on the floor and cracked with a hatchet, until the marrow is exposed sufficiently to be dug out, with long sharp spoons made from the tusks of the walrus. This delicious 'tidbit' is, Uncle Aubrey declares quite palatable after it has been cooked over the fire, then allowed to freeze, into solid lumps.

Sand-bag Ball Game—This is another game in which the girls join the boys. Thick seal-skin leather is made into a ball the size of our common base-ball, and then filled two-thirds full of sand, if they can procure this from any ship in port, if not, they crack ice finely to fill the bags with. The game is a very simple one much like our play with bean-bags, and consists simply in striking at the ball with the open palm of the hand, and, when there is a crowd of players, in keeping the ball constantly in the air. This is also a favorite game when the snow is off the ground, and the people are living in sealskin tents. When the ball drops to the ground, or the players fail to keep it flying, it is a signal for rest. Simple as the game is, the little Eskimo seem to derive much fun and excitement from it, as whenever you hear an unusual amount of shouting and boisterous merriment you may be almost certain that 'sand-bag ball game' is being indulged in.

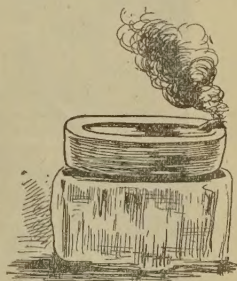
Bows and Arrows—A favorite amusement of the Eskimo boys is also one, which both the Indian and white boys sometimes play—with the bow and arrow. It is to see how many arrows can be kept in the air at one time. The Eskimo boy with his quiver made of bladder pulled around over his shoulders so that he can get the arrows, quickly commences shooting them straight up into the air, and when the first arrow he shoots falls to the ground, he must stop shooting. The number of arrows shot from his bow indicates his score. This is compared with that of the others. Sometimes only the arrows are counted, that in descending stand upright in the snow. In this case all the arrows in the quiver are shot.

At another time only the arrows that stand upright within a certain area, that is scored off are counted. These must all be shot from the bow by the time the first arrow strikes within the space allotted, usually about thirty yards or so in diameter.

As the arrows have to fall within a certain space more precision and rapidity of shooting are required to make a good score. The boys will often shoot a single arrow high into the air and then intercept it with another one, sent straight horizontally, as the first one is descending.

This play with bows and arrows trains the boys in

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Eskimo Lamp



Kimmiloo

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Story of The Dark Day

By L. Eugenie Eldridge



GRANDMA was quietly knitting. She sat in a low-cushioned rocker near a western window, and over her shoulders was thrown a little shawl of fine soft texture.

Her three grandchildren had grown tired of play, and, as was their custom when their own resources failed, sought grandma for a story to amuse and interest them.

And tonight as she sat knitting with the fleecy shawl across her shoulders, she told them of the great-aunt whose hands had knitted that same shawl long years ago, and who had told her the story of the Dark Day in New England, May 19, 1780.

Aunt Esther—for that was the great-aunt's name—was a little girl in the Dame school when it occurred.

Soon after the Dame had called them together in the morning, unusual clouds appeared, formed as she afterwards learned from sheets of vapor rising from springs, marshes and surrounding lowlands.

These clouds rolled together above the hills and floated westward. Soon it began to grow dark and the Dame dismissed school, telling the children the day of judgment was come.

In terror they groped their way home through the gathering darkness, little Esther bursting into her father's kitchen almost speechless from fright.

The higher the sun rose the darker it grew, and before mid-day people lighted candles in their houses.

The cattle were so frightened they jumped fences to reach home, domestic fowls went to roost, and wood-birds sang their evening songs.

Meeting-houses were opened and ministers and deacons conducted public worship.

Lanterns were seen flitting here and there through the terrible gloom, lighting people to church and elsewhere. Darkness at noonday! What did it mean?

Esther's father was deacon, and she remembered hearing him pray that God who spared the wicked people of Nineveh when they repented would likewise spare them and send His light again.

But the Dame had said the world was coming to its end, and little Esther firmly believed it; and the sensitive child was not alone in thus thinking.

For, it is a recorded fact, that the legislature of Connecticut being in session when the darkness increased, some one proposed to adjourn, thinking the day of judgment had come.

But Abraham Davenport, a man of stern integrity and a staunch patriot, arose and said:

"That day is either at hand or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjourning, if it is, I choose to be found at my post of duty. I move that candles be brought."

Candles were brought, and the sensible Christian attitude of Abraham Davenport prevailed.

Some believed that a blazing star had absorbed the sun's rays. Others that a great mountain had sprung up between them and the sun, and many that the darkness foretold a calamity about to befall the land. And you must remember, my dears, that the war between the Colonies and the Mother Country was in progress, and a few months later, when Benedict Arnold so treacherously betrayed his country, those who held to this belief were satisfied they were correct.

Scattered here and there were those still loyal to the British Crown. They believed the terrible darkness a warning from the Lord that His people should not demand separation from England.

Every one was greatly puzzled and troubled at this strange phenomenon of nature.

The trees and grass appeared a marvelous deep green; everything naturally white looked yellow while the most highly-polished silver appeared very much tarnished.

As sunset approached the people hoped for a change but the gloom increased and most intense darkness prevailed during the evening although the moon was full.

The morning of May twentieth dawned in splendor.

The sun shone, birds sang, cattle returned to their pastures, men to their labors, all nature rejoiced, and to this day the cause of the darkness is unknown.

Neither science nor superstition has read the mystery.

Many were the prayers of thankfulness offered that the Lord in his goodness had spared the people.

This is the little story grandma told her grandchildren; recollections of the story her great-aunt had told her of the strange Dark Day in the far away year, 1780.

I suppose it is all quite true that men of science have never been able to read the mystery.

Possibly in some old book or record, you may discover other facts concerning this same disturbance in nature.

I have read that very early in the morning rain fell accompanied by thunder and sharp lightning, and that the air was heavy with vapor for several days before.

Strange disturbances sometimes arise in our day and we must remember as did these earnest, devout New England people that whatever comes—God reigns.

"Now what is that noise?" said the glad New Year

"Now what is that singular sound I hear? As if all the paper in all the world Were rattled and shaken and twisted and twirled?"

"Oh that," said the jolly old Earth, "is the noise

Of all my children, both girls and boys, A-turning over their leaves so new, And all to do honor, New Year, to you!"

A Joke on Bunco

BY ALICE D. BAUKHAGE.

Bunco Stratton lay on his cushion on the broad railing of the front piazza half asleep. It was very still on Spruce Street that afternoon in Indian Summer. Very still and very stupid Bunco thought as he yawned and stretched on his red pillow. "Hello!" he said, starting up, "there's Puggy Tucker asleep in the rocking chair. I guess I'll go over and wake him up, lazy thing!" So he jumped lightly off the railing and went bounding through the dead leaves making as much noise among them as he could. Suddenly he came to a standstill. His forelegs stiffened, his ears and little bob tail stood up and his bright eyes grew brighter than ever, for there in front of him sat the cunningest little animal he had ever seen. Slim and brown and fluffy with a great plume-like tail waving above its head, it sat holding out two tiny brown paws as if it were begging for something.

Bunco's legs, that had been stiff before, grew stiffer and his white body sank slowly until it almost touched the ground. His sharp eyes never left the strange animal for an instant, yet some way it wasn't there. Instead he saw a golden brown streak flash up the trunk of the maple tree close by, and there in the first crotch of the tree far above his head sat the nimble creature laughing and chattering in the most provoking way.

At first Bunco was inclined to be angry and jumped about under the tree barking as loud as he could. This commotion woke Puggy Tucker who came sauntering out to see what was going on.

"What's the matter, Bunco?" he said rather crossly. "Don't you know better than to wake a fellow up right in the middle of the afternoon?"

"You shouldn't be asleep in the middle of the afternoon. If you'd been awake watching, the yard wouldn't be full of wild animals like the one up there."

Puggy came slowly around the tree where he could see the wild animal and then he laughed.

"That's all you pups know," he said proudly. "That's nothing but a squirrel. Squirrels don't do any harm, never eat bones or anything like that, besides this

one is Miss Bessie's pet. She's going to feed it every day, like she does me, she says. Hope it won't starve." And Puggy winked his bulgy eye and grinned.

Bunco was standing with his front feet against the tree trunk and the squirrel was looking saucily down from the limb above saying disagreeable things to him in squirrel language. "Oh, well," he said carelessly. "Of course if its Miss Bessie's pet I won't hurt it."

"Thank you!" said the squirrel from behind its paws (it had put them up to its face to hide a smile) "I'm so much obliged to you."

Just then the white cat from over the way appeared. "Looking for bones, I'll be bound. I suppose I may chase her." said Bunco as he dashed after the cat.

"By all means," said Puggy Tucker with a yawn, going back to his rocking chair.

A Child's Puzzle.

BY ROBERT BROWN.

I see a baby in your eye!

Cried little Bess, upon my knee;
And when I smile she seems to smile;
I frown, she seems to frown at me!

I shake my curls and straight she shakes
Her curls, about the length of mine;
I show my teeth and she shows hers:
O papa, isn't it just fine!

I bend my head, she does the same,
I place my fingers on my cheek,
She does so too: I move my lips
And her lips move—she seems to speak!

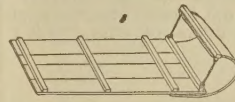
What makes her do just as I do?
It seems so queer: She looks like me!
Dear, I can never understand!
What ever can the reason be?

I close my eyes—the babe is gone,
And little Bess upon my knee
Clasps both her tiny hands and cries,
I see papa, 'twas only me!

How to Make a Toboggan

BY SCHUYLER BULL

Most of Vick's readers have heard or read the Chinaman's version of a toboggan ride, "Hoosh, walkee millee." Those who would like the same experience but lack the toboggan can be satisfied by following the directions. A small one for a single boy or girl may be made as shown in drawing No. 1, by sawing a cheese box in half and nailing half of it to some boards about thirty inches long or longer. If a deep cheese box cannot be obtained the two halves should be placed side by side and an extra cross



piece used, as shown at B in drawing No. 4. Other cross-pieces should be used as shown, or the toboggan would fall apart in the first hour's usage.

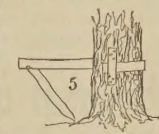
If you have more time and patience, open the cheesebox as shown in drawing No. 2, being careful not to split the end more than can be helped, (if a deep box cannot be obtained use two shallow ones) and put on five crosspieces about one inch square, four the same width as the box on the inside of the curve, as shown, and the fifth two inches longer on the outside, using three-fourths inch screws about three inches apart, screwing them in tight as shown in drawing No. 3, so that the heads will not stick out and drag. Get a couple of sticks long enough to reach from C to E in drawing No. 4. about one inch square; two broomsticks will probably be the right length and size, and you will also need six one and one-half inch screws, and an auger to start the holes if you take broomsticks.

When you have screwed on the cross-pieces and got the broomsticks, screws, and screw driver ready, pour boiling water on the cheese box till it becomes limp. The wood will bulge between the screws on the crosspiece, but no matter, take the broomsticks and screw them to the crosspieces C-D-E in drawing No. 4,

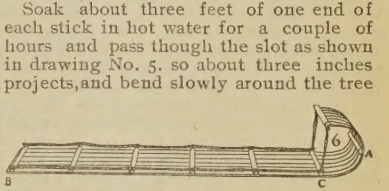
and fasten down A to C by strong cords; and put the toboggan in a warm place to dry out. When dry it is ready to use and if not too roughly handled will last the season. This is about the lightest practical toboggan for one person and will carry two on a pinch. Where one large enough to carry two or more people is wanted, a little more time and money is needed. Get from a saw mill or box factory six pieces of spruce, hickory, maple, elm, ash or pine without knots, a foot longer than the toboggan is to be, three inches wide and one-fourth to three-eighths inches

thick. Crosspieces eighteen inches long and one inch square will be needed, spaced from fourteen to eighteen inches apart the whole length, and twelve and three-fourths inch screws and two heavy screw eyes with three-eighths inch holes will be needed for each crosspiece. For instance, a ten-foot toboggan will need sticks eleven feet long and ten crosspieces spaced fourteen and one-half inches to centers, ten dozen three-fourths inch screws and two dozen screw eyes, and about thirty feet of heavy clothesline. If wood as thin as one-fourth inch is used, it should be one of the first four kinds, though five-sixteenths inch pine is strong enough. If a very fine toboggan is wanted, three-sixteenths inch mahogany may be used but is correspondingly expensive. Five-sixteenths inch spruce is the best, as the wood is very light and strong and does not split easily. The part of the work that bothers most people is to bend the front end; this may be done by the use of a convenient tree, one, eight or ten inches through is the best. Nail a cleat, having a slot for the stick to be bent to pass through, on the tree, as shown in drawing No. 5, and provide some means of holding the stick level when bent, so that it will not have a twist.

Soak about three feet of one end of each stick in hot water for a couple of hours and pass through the slot as shown in drawing No. 5, so about three inches projects, and bend slowly around the tree



and fasten for half hour, by which time the wood will be set and can be removed. After all are bent, put on the first crosspiece, which should be the one marked A in drawing No. 6. To do this, place the pieces side by side and mark where the crosspiece goes, as shown in drawing No. 6, and bore holes for the screws. After screwing crosspiece A on, the next one to put on is the one marked B in fig. 6, which should be done the same as A. The next is the one marked X, and should be on the outside of the curve as shown, then put the others in between A and B, spacing them evenly as shown in drawing No. 6, then put in the screw eyes as shown and put rope through them with a knot in each end and fasten X and C together, as shown with rope or wire. The extra screw eyes will come in handy from time to time as the first ones get broken off. Drawing No. 6 shows a toboggan eight feet long and will carry four comfortably; ten feet will carry five to six children, and twelve feet will carry seven.



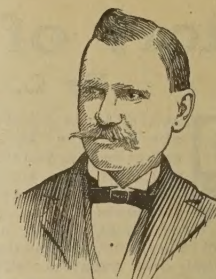
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A FAKIR'S CONFESSION

The Life Story of William B. Moreau, Leader of the Worst Gang of Swindlers that Ever Operated in America
TOLD BY HIMSELF



Wm. B. Moreau

THIRD INSTALLMENT. This series of articles began in the October issue of Vicks Magazine and will continue for several months, covering most of the operations of this nefarious gang of swindlers. We publish these articles not only to furnish interesting reading for our subscribers but to warn them against the operations of such robbers as Moreau and Ganly.—Editor.

A FERTILIZER SWINDLE.

"After a few days in Geneva during which we made preliminary arrangements to work the lightning-rod racket, my partner went home to Batavia, his wife being sick. I went to Dundee with a view of seeing what I could do alone in that neighborhood. I posed as a wool buyer. I met a great many inquisitive people at the Harpending House, where I stopped, and in an apparently careless manner learned a great deal about the farmers. I was inclined to await Ganly's return before doing anything more than reconnoitre. I drove out through the country and sized up several whom I thought could be worked. One day I drove to a little place called Tyrone. The tavern-keeper was a jolly fellow, and after dinner stuffed me full of information about the farmers in the neighborhood. I learned that in South Bradford, Steuben county (I think he called it Cat's Head), a large amount of fertilizer was used, and that a rather eccentric, easy-going farmer named Ira Chubb, had used some of it. He lived in an out-of-the-way place, and I concluded that, perhaps, he had not yet been fleeced, and as I was well supplied with order blanks and circulars for the Queen City Fertilizer Company, I would give him the necessary attention the next day. Early next morning I started with a spanking team, and in due time was driving into Mr. Chubb's front yard. He was nowhere to be seen, so I reluctantly inquired for him at the house. An aged spinster appeared at the door and in a squeaky voice, said, 'Iry is not to hum,' finishing the sentence as she partly closed the door in my face (and aside to another female, 'not to strangers nohow if I know myself, and I think I do.' Well, this was a dilemma. I knew something must be done before the farmer turned up, and I must act at once. While debating in my own mind what to do, the hired girl (as I supposed) in a bold manner stepped to the door, and parrot-like, said: 'Mr. Chubb is not home, sir; didn't me misses tell ye so?'

"THIS WAS MY OPPORTUNITY,

and I took advantage of it. I could see that the old dame was listening, and I said: 'I came here to buy up crops at the highest figures, paying a large cash advance to bind the bargain; that I was interested in one of the greatest produce firms in the world, and we took this means of securing business; that in all my many years experience, during which I handled hundreds of thousands of dollars, and made many people happy, I never, until today, was given such a reception, or rather, no reception at all; of course, if people want to hang on to their crops and finally sell them at starvation prices, that is their business.' By this time the old lady again appeared at the door and said she regretted to hurt my feelings; that Mr. Chubb was down in one of the back fields, but would be in soon, as it was near noon; that he had frequently told her to tell strangers that he was away from home, and that she hoped I would not blame her for her rudeness. I repeatedly told her that no apology was necessary, and at her request hitched my horses under a shed. I then returned to the house, resumed conversation, during which I learned incidentally, of course, about everything I cared to know about Mr. Chubb, including the fact that he came near becoming agent for a patent seed drill which a neighbor was reputed to have made some money out of.

"Soon Mr. Chubb appeared and, in a sort of what-do-you-want look, sized me up. The old lady then introduced me as Mr. Akin, a gentleman who she regretted to say she almost drove from the house. I took dinner with the family, as well as profuse apologies for the meal, after which we went to a wagon house, where I commenced purchasing Mr. Chubb's growing crops. In a short time we had everything down in black and white, and I handed Mr. Chubb our firm's check for \$350 or twenty-five per cent, of estimated value of crops, a high figure of course, but I made it large to swell his head, as it surely did.

THE CRITICAL MOMENT.

"Then in a confidential way I asked him what kind of a man his neighbor was, as he had been writing to our house to get the agency for our fertilizer, (as we sold fertilizers in connection with our produce buying,) and the firm awaited my reply before signing the agency to him, as we wanted none but the best men to handle our goods. (I had learned that Mr. C. and his neighbor were bitter enemies.) I continued, 'I want a man that is liked by the whole neighborhood, as everybody will want our fertilizer, which has no equal, and sells itself. Why, sir! we have agents who have got rich in a few years selling it.' By this time Mr. Chubb raised up full length and said in an emphatic manner, 'I wouldn't trust that man to a bushel of apples. He is a scoundrel.' Then he detailed their troubles from his point of view. This was enough for me. I then asked him who would be a good man for the agency. I repeated a lot of stuff about big profits, none but the best men, etc. It had the desired effect. He said he might take it himself. The rest was easy, and in a few minutes I had the fish landed. I got his note for \$500, (an obligation of indemnity I called it) Mr. Chubb being led to believe that he was protected by the following paper, which we used when all other means failed to get a note:

It was worded to catch and please and seldom failed. We called it 'our sure thing.'

STRICTLY PRIVATE TERMS TO DEALERS AND JOBBERS.

This is to certify that on the 13th day of June, 1879, I ordered goods of the Q. City Fertilizer Company, which will be shipped as per agreement, and took the agency of the same. Entering into an agreement to that effect, and in compliance with said agreement, have given my paper which is an indemnity to the company. With the understanding that if I order goods of said company and they hold my paper for the same, and I apply all proceeds received to the same toward paying said paper, the company then agrees to renew and extend such paper till the money is realized from sale of goods to pay the same. And it is expressly understood by and between said company and myself, that the paper this day given by me to the company is for the express purpose of securing the company for quantities of fertilizer, in case I order the same, and it is expressly understood by myself and the company, that the paper I this day give, is made payable to the order of myself, expressly for my own protection, and is good for nothing until I order the same paid; and it is further understood by and between said company and myself, that the paper I this day give, is not good, even after I order the same, until I have time to sell twenty-four tons of the company's fertilizer; but in case the company finds the maker of said paper does not make suitable efforts to dispose of said goods, then on the surrender of all papers held by the company, I will surrender all goods on hand, and cancel all papers, and consent to said company selecting some other person to act as agent for said company. And be it understood, that this agreement is made and entered into upon the consideration of the former agreements, which is hereby mutually agreed to, and this agreement is expressly for the protection of the company's agents.

June 13, 1879.

IRA CHUBB.
H. AKIN, for Queen City F'r Co.

"After filling out a sample order to be shipped to Savona, Steuben county, via Erie railroad, I drove away, leaving my victim with a worthless check, agency contract and spurious indemnity paper, in a bewildered state of mind, although he bade me a pleasant good day. I then drove to Bath and had the note shaved to \$450. I next returned the team and went back to Geneva to await my partner's return."

CAUGHT BY SYMPATHY.

"Taking the ducats out of an old woman's pocket was pastime as well as profitable, but emptying an old maid's or widow's purse was more easily done; yet I didn't like it. In fact there are a few instances in which I charged my conscience (if you will call it that,) and it always pleaded guilty. One of these particular cases was a widow in Cayuga county. This is one of my Bohemian oats steals and in which I induced the widow to invest heavily. She did so and sowed her whole farm in the bogus grain. She finally lost her farm.

"But I will let the oats cases rest for the present, returning to them later, because I believe a brief chapter of robbery by the bogus book agents will be interesting.

"After much study we devised a scheme that I knew was the quickest way to make money by books. My wife worked this racket with me and we never failed to get a hearing. We drove a good horse and wagon and carried a supply of books with us to meet orders. As we drove up to a house my wife managed to get a fainting spell and, of course, I floundered around apparently not knowing what to do. I generally shouted for water, and this cry brought every female in the house to my assistance. These spells generally lasted as long as it was necessary to create sympathy and drive an entering wedge for a deal. She fainted so easily and to all appearances so naturally, that I often thought it was real. She could discount any actress that I ever saw in the business. She received a great deal of sympathy, and in the course of conversation we led up to our business. We talked about making a great deal of money canvassing for books, finally giving the agency for the best and quickest selling book in existence. The title was

"SECRET WEALTH,"

and we claimed it sold on sight. I always said I had established agents over most of my territory, but lacked just a few, which after filling, my wife and myself were to return to headquarters, where my partner in devilry, but apparently in distress, was to receive proper medical attention. Let me say, right here, that a great deal of sympathy was wasted, as we failed to make agents of everybody. But then, we disposed of books which we would not have got rid of had it not been for the sympathy racket. Many incidents could be related of this fainting business.

We seldom found people anxious to go into the book business, but they usually told how people they knew made money at it. Such a statement we considered an entering wedge, and followed it up for all we were worth. I was always in a great hurry to close up the last and best territory. My determination to give it away for a song, was because of my wife's condition.

"At this stage I always brought in a set of books, and with a sorrowful look, tears almost standing in my eyes, I made a 'sacrifice' by filling out a blank certificate of agency, which was usually handed to the responsible lady of the house. She didn't want it, but seemed bewildered and didn't seem to know how to refuse. Then before she had time to state an objection, I gave a final talk, to the effect that no money was required until cash was received for the books, and showed the agency papers to that effect attached to an 'obligation of indemnity' to the company (a note). At such critical moments my wife yawned and sobbed, and while she did not attract more than a sympathetic look, which diverted attention from any further thought of objection, I handed the paper and pen to our victim and in a minute I had a carefully-written signature to a good promissory note, accompanied by the bottom trimmings to protect (?) the maker, you know, but which was missing when she paid it at the bank. This was immediately followed by my wife calling for water; then all hands helping her into the open air and into the carriage. After a few words of thanks, etc., we drove away, my arm around and sustaining my feeble (?) partner, while I looked sympathetically into her eyes. Tender eyes followed us until we got out of sight, after which their owners, no doubt, began to discuss the elephant on their hands. Of course they found a lot of worthless books, the value of which they had no idea, but finally concluded woman like that there was a lot of pin money in it for them. It is hardly necessary to say they never got it.

"We usually got orders for from five to twenty books. We sometimes arranged the orders to suit ourselves, according to what we believed the victims could stand. For instance, we wrote a figure one, two or three, and after we got away added a figure to the right or left, which, greatly enlarged the order. Such cases always created a kick when settlement was demanded by Ganly, who always appeared a few days after the order was filled. He had a tough job, but was equal to any emergency, and usually got a straight note, but when he couldn't do this he managed to get an 'obligation of indemnity' (a note) which we cashed as soon as possible.

"This is the blank we used to do the funny business with. It is a plain, direct order, and so arranged as to be enlarged by adding figures, as previously stated:

MEMORANDUM. SECRET WEALTH.
SYRACUSE BOOK, MAP AND CHART CO.

To the Publishers: Gentlemen—After making a personal examination of a sample copy, and on what I deem its merits, I desire you to ship to me by freight via _____ railroad to _____ Station _____ dozen of your books entitled "Secret Wealth," which I am to sell in _____ township, County of _____ and State of _____ reference only being had to the following agreement, which I have this day made with your agent, namely:

I am to give said company three dollars and a half each for the first lot of said books, which I will sell at four dollars and a half each and am to have one sample copy and a subscription book free of charge. I am to receive the books when they arrive. It is further agreed that all further shipments to me are to be made at one-half the retail price above named, and for the purpose of protecting the vendors, it is understood that no agent is authorized to make any contract or verbal promise differing in any way from this agreement, and that this agreement I have made with said company, or that said company will be responsible for. All books ordered to be settled for when the collector calls, in cash, or good bankable paper, not to exceed four months' time. And it is further agreed that in consideration of my selling twenty or more copies each year thereafter, I am to have and continue the sale of said goods in the township above named.

Signed _____

Syracuse Book, Map and Chart Co.

By _____ Agent.

Dated _____ 1879.

Post-Office Address _____

For the purpose of satisfying the above-named company of my responsibility for this and future orders, I hereby certify that I own in my own name _____ acres of land, with the buildings thereon, worth \$ _____ per acre, and clear of all incumbrances except _____

(Continued in February Vicks)



GOOD IDEAS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

Hot Water as a Remedy.

If cold-blooded persons, who are seldom troubled with thirst, will make it a habit to drink daily, a certain amount of hot water during the winter season, they will find they are less apt to take cold, as it improves circulation and benefits coughs and insomnia.

If taken just before retiring, it will prove more beneficial as it warms up the system and prepares it for a good night's sleep.

The most severe case of sick headache succumbs to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck.

Indigestion and cold hands and feet may be cured in thirty minutes, by drinking slowly, one quart of hot water. Have it hot as possible to swallow without burning the throat.

A towel folded, dipped in hot water, wrung out quickly and applied over the stomach will relieve the most stubborn case of colic.

A hot salt bath, prepared by adding a teaspoonful of sea salt, purchased from your druggist, to the water, which must be warm as possible to stand, then rinsing off in clear water, followed by a good rubbing, will be found to be real strengthening for a child just recovering from the numerous diseases of children.

If bathed with hot water, in which potatoes have been boiled, one suffering with chilblains may be greatly relieved.

A towel folded several times and dipped in hot water, wrung out and quickly applied over the seat of pain, will promptly relieve neuralgia or toothache.

For an acute attack of croup, fold a flannel, several times lengthwise, dip in hot water, wring quickly and apply. Continue this process for fifteen minutes and the sufferer will be relieved.

Invalids and persons suffering from poor circulation, should never be without the hot-water bag. In traveling, it occupies a small space, is easy to pack away and is always on hand in case of sudden illness—often when out of reach of a physician.

For a complexion beautifier no other is more popular or efficient than a pint of hot water drunk just before retiring, and another pint, in which may be added a pinch of salt, first thing in the morning before partaking of any food.—J. H. G.

Storing Ice for Summer Use.

Ice is considered as quite a luxury in some rural households while it should be considered a necessity and it is so easy for every one to have their own ice house stored full of sparkling clear cakes.

To the busy housewife the store of ice means a saving of many weary steps up and down cellar stairways.

The supply of ice and its storage room need be very little expense and that even is made up by the end of the season in the saving of meats and the like and in keeping our dairy products sweet and cool. Fruit and eggs also are benefited by a cool atmosphere.

Almost every farm has facilities for ice cutting of one kind or another. If your land does not border on a lake or pond, or if you have not acquired a neighborhood right to cut ice in a body of water, there is sure to be within hauling distance a brook which affords all the facilities for ice harvesting. A clear running brook furnishes quite a desirable crop of ice for harvesting, sometimes even the very best. It is remarkable, how quickly running water, especially, upon a gravelly bed, purifies itself. If a stream, no matter how small, is carefully guarded from impurities during the summer and autumn, it will yield a bountiful supply of ice in the winter, of the very best quality.

Gently flowing water freezes more rapidly than quiet streams and it is a curious fact to be noted by the ice harvester that ice over which heavy teams travel constantly, is agitated to such a degree that it has the effect of freezing

to a greater depth than that on either side of the traveled space.

This is accounted for upon the supposition that when disturbed, the water parts more readily with the air which it contains and the result is the freezing of the waters so disturbed.

The brook near your place should be kept absolutely free of all taint, that slops or other refuse thrown in might give it. Even as a further precaution clear out all weed growths so that there will be no seeds or chaff of that kind floating in the water to freeze in. No further care is necessary until the time of cutting the ice. This work is usually accomplished when the ice has reached a depth of from eight to twelve inches. If cut early in the season there is a chance to gather in a second and perhaps a third supply from the same source.

For home use it is not necessary to have the blocks of ice either so deep or large, as if they were intended for market. The coolness is there all right and the purity, two main requirements.

A small ice-cutter is better to use even if you are cutting from a large area, as the larger cutter often scrapes off the snow which is an excellent protection against sudden thaws, warm rains and dirt.

The modern equipment for harvesting ice—of plows, planers, scrapers, sluices and runways is a very elaborate affair and not at all necessary to gather in the summer supply of ice for the home use. These, however would be needed were business to be done on a large scale. Many a country resident makes the annual "freeze" in winter a welcome source of profit that appreciably adds to his income.

A shelter, of course, is needed for storing away the ice and this can be a very simple structure indeed, merely boards nailed to foundation supports and roofed over. They should be placed so there are plenty of cracks between boards, both of the sides and roofing, for the air to circulate freely. The ice house should be situated in the shade of trees if possible. Some ice houses are built partly under ground, but that means more expense and time spent than the average farmer cares to give. Ice well protected will last a long time even in the structure mentioned, made in the simplest manner. Some blocks of ice were left by the roadside, no one seeming to care what became of them as the town people were all well supplied. They laid there through the summer sun without other protection than a thin coat of sawdust, and although exposed to the hot rays of the sun, the gales of the wind and the wasting force of the rain, a portion of them was still there the second summer.

The foundation of the building should be dug two feet deep, and then filled in with a few inches of gravel, crushed stone or brick. Place around the inside of the foundation, six by six inch sills and to these, a double row of studs are nailed, one row on the inside and one on the outside. The boarding is then nailed to the studs. This makes a double wall with an air space between. The air space is an admirable idea as air circulating through it will, of course, be much cooler than if it came in through the cracks between boards. The boards on the gable ends should be nailed on vertically, leaving cracks between them for the free circulation of air above the ice, and the roofboards should project at least two and a half feet, and be covered with shingles. Cut a six inch square in the middle space of the roof for ventilation and place a cap over it. A door opens at one end of the house and as the ice is packed inside short boards across the opening will protect the sawdust.

Before placing in any ice, fill to the depth of about a foot with sawdust laid on the flooring, then the ice in one layer and a foot of sawdust over it, then another layer of ice and sawdust until the building is full. The last layer being that of the sawdust, and fill in

with it also between the ice and the walls.

This plan you will find an excellent one for an ice house of any size. The cost of building one of twelve feet square and nine feet high would be about thirty-five dollars providing you had to pay the carpenter and had to buy all the lumber, if not, it could be built for half the price.—T. C. C. Many ice dealers prefer the plan of piling the ice in a solid mass with no layers of sawdust between.—Ed.

Drop Cookies.

"The Kind Your Mother Used to Make."

One egg, two-thirds cup of butter, one cup each of brown sugar, molasses and hot water, one tablespoon soda, with flour enough to make a batter that will drop from a spoon. Bake in buttered Gem Pans.—W. S.

Moccasins.

From the good parts of worn pants, etc., can be cut moccasins, which are so handy in cases of sickness. Take a sock, the size you want, lay it flat upon the goods and mark around it as high up as you wish, allow for seams. Stitch upon the machine and cross stitch down the seams, bind with dress braid.—F. W.

Ointment for Cuts.

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Onion Toast.

Toast your bread and butter it, cook onions until tender and crush them, add milk, season with salt and pepper, heat and pour over buttered toast.

Ashes sprinkled over potatoes will stop and prevent potatoes from rotting.—S. W.

To String Very Fine Beads.

Cut one strand of silk thread, a little shorter than the rest, wax and twist firmly. This can be threaded through the fine beads without using a needle.—C. H.

Furniture Polish.

One pint linseed oil, one half pint turpentine, one half ounce butter antimony, one ounce cut shellac. This will make a quart of polish. Apply with a woolen cloth. Shake often.—D. B.

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Good Ideas for the Household

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Mats.

Table mats of asbestos, cut round or oval, are useful for hot dishes, a dainty center piece or doiley, or napkin can be laid over them, or they can be slipped into linen covers.—J. L.

For the Chickens.

Handy things in the chicken yard need not cost much, and we often fail to use all the feed at command because we have not a block or stone ready.

I have put a big stone in my yard and an old ax with a short handle, with which I pound up all bones that I have saved. About twice a week the chickens get a mess of this kind and I also chop cabbage and raw turnips as they like the green feed better than all boiled. I boil the wheat and Kaffir corn as it more than doubles in bulk, and they are ravenous over it.

I have my hen house lined with old carpet and a roof above them filled with hay so they will pass the cold winter without frozen combs or feet.—S. H.

Coffee Cake.

One cup sugar, one half cup butter, one half cup cold coffee, two tablespoons molasses, two eggs, two cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one half teaspoon each salt, and cinnamon, one fourth teaspoon cloves, one half cup each currants and raisins.—I. A.

To Cure a Felon.

A friend had what the Doctor called a felon—starting and becoming very painful,—a neighbor told her to place the finger in a pan of hot water, and gradually increase the heat until almost boiling, or as long as she could bear it. She tried the heroic treatment and stopped the pain and cured the felon.—J. L.

Feathers.

To remove feathers from one pillow case to another, or to change into clean ones, take a tin can, with both ends melted out, and tie or sew firmly into each pillow, shake the feather through the tube.—J. L.

Laundry Hint.

To whiten and take the stains out of handkerchiefs, put one teaspoonful of Chloride of lime in four quarts of water let the handkerchiefs lay in this one half hour after washing; then rinse and dry.—E. W.

Lemon Jelly Filling.

Grated rind and juice of one lemon, one cup sugar, and one egg; beat thoroughly and boil in a double boiler till cooked. Spread when cold and frost with confectioner's sugar. Any plain white or yellow cake will do.—W. M.

Steamed Pudding.

One cup raisins, one cup sweet milk, one cup molasses, one half cup melted butter, four cups flour, one teaspoon soda. Steam three hours. Serve with a sauce made of one egg, large tablespoon of butter, one cup of sugar, two tablespoons of flour, boiling water to cook it and make it the consistency of sweet cream.—E. R.

Homemade Fire Extinguishers.

Three pounds salt, one and one-half pounds Sal ammoniac, one gallon water. Keep corked in large bottle or jug with large mouth. In case of fire pour at base of the blaze.—S. W.

Fat for Frying.

Two pounds melted suet, added to five pounds lard makes a frying fat superior to the lard alone.—S. W.

Boiled Pigs' Feet.

Wrap each in a cotton bandage wound two or three times around it, and strongly tied. Then boil four hours. Let them remain as wrapped, till needed to fry, broil, or pickle. The skin will hold them together while being cooked,

and when eaten, they will be found to be tender and delicate.

The above was given by the late P. T. Barnum and Broiled pig's-feet a la P. T. Barnum is one of the dishes printed on a hotel bill of fare in New York.—R. F.

Kerosene, the Ever Useful.

A teaspoonful of kerosene to a quart of boiled starch keeps it from sticking.

To prevent scorching rub the iron on a cloth saturated with kerosene.

Kerosene will remove ink stains and fresh paint, while nothing takes out blood stains better than cold soap suds to which kerosene has been added.

Fruit stains, lampblack etc., may be taken out of wash goods by first saturating the spot with kerosene, then washing as usual.

For wagon grease or tar spots rub well with kerosene while the grease is fresh, then wash out in cold, soft water, using no soap.

For iron rust, put on kerosene and let the article remain covered for some time. The oil will loosen the rust so that it will come off.

Kerosene will take out new paint, and is the best thing with which to clean the wringer rollers.

To clean sewing machines, cover all the bearings with kerosene, work the machine quickly for a few minutes, then rub all the oil off with a soft rag and apply machine oil where needed.

To remove grease from granite ware, rub well with a cloth saturated with kerosene, when the dirt is removed wash with hot soap suds.

Clean the bath tub, the sink or marble wash bowl with a cloth wet with kerosene.

Kerosene will remove rust on a stove. Wash well with a woolen cloth wet with kerosene. Let stand a day and repeat. Finally rub with a woolen cloth, then polish with stove polish.

Clean furniture with a flannel cloth on which is a little kerosene. It will remove soiled spots from light painted doors, also white spots from dining tables if applied as soon as the spot is made.

Kerosene is excellent in cleaning hard wood or stained floors. Remove dust and wipe a small place at a time, then rub the oil off with a flannel cloth.

Use kerosene instead of soap for cleaning windows, and it will repel flies and mosquitoes.

After removing all dust wipe screen doors with kerosene and they will look new, and as long as the odor remains mosquitoes and moth millers will give them a wide berth.

Clean oil cloth the same way.

To destroy bed bugs, rub a mixture of equal parts turpentine and kerosene into the joints and corners of the bedstead and also into the cracks of the *surbase* in rooms where there are many.—C. B.

To Can Fresh Pork.

The second day after it is salted, wash off loose salt, and boil till tender. Take out every particle of bone, and brown in stove. Pack in tin cans tight to an inch of the top. As soon as the grease is entirely freed from water, pour in the can, and set away to cool. When cold it will have gone down some. Fill up with melted lard, drop the tin cap in place, and pour a little around the grooves which will seal it perfectly. Keep away from mice. It will keep fresh all winter.—A. W.

Water Proof Shoe Polish.

Melt and mix about equal amount of beeswax and sweet oil together, and put in enough lamp-black to make a good black color. Heat it hot when put on shoes or boots, use a soft brush then polish with a dry one. Put on about once a week is good for childrens shoes or anyone that is out of doors.—A. R.

Roll Jelly Cake.

One and one half cups sugar, three eggs, one cup sweet milk, two cups flour, two teaspoonsful cream tartar, and one of soda. Sugar a cloth, turn the cake out on it, with a sharp knife trim all the edges, spread with jelly and roll. It will make three rolls on common long pie tins.—O. S.

A Few Useful Hints.

By An Old Housekeeper.

From every open letter or circular cut the gummed edges, put in the box with your stamps. You will find them very useful for sealing newspapers or packages that you want to send through the mail. Moisten a stamp that will not stick and rub over one of these gummed pieces and it will stick.

Keep a box of bran in which rub all greasy dishes before washing. The chickens will thank you for it and it will be a great saving in soap.

Have an extra kettle into which put all your beef bones and let them boil continually, when you can spare a place on the stove, and you will be astonished at the amount of good shortening you can skim from the liquor and the liquor will make good stock.

Take all the bones of a cooked fowl from which the meat has been taken, break them and stew a long time. You will have a delicious dish of broth. This can be done when you are keeping fire for other purposes.

Candy.

Chocolate Caramels—Cream together one teaspoonful of sugar with half the quantity of butter; add one-fourth of a pound of grated chocolate and one teaspoonful each of molasses and milk, beat well together and boil until a portion of it dropped in ice water sets and cracks. Pour into buttered tins to the thickness of half an inch, when nearly cold cut into squares with a buttered knife.

Cocoanut Candy—Mix one and a half pounds of confectioner's sugar with the milk of one cocoanut. Put it over the fire and let it reach the boiling point very slowly. Boil five minutes. Add the grated cocoanut and boil ten minutes more. Pour on buttered plates and cut. Leave two days to harden.

Fudge—One and a half cups sugar; one and a half cups milk; four teaspoonfuls cocoa; a teaspoonful butter; mix well, put on stove and stir to keep from burning. Cook until it will gather into a ball when dropped in cold water. Take from stove and flavor with vanilla, and beat till hard, then pour on buttered tins.

Sugar Candy—Boil one cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of water and a tablespoonful of vinegar. Boil without stirring until it will crack when a little of it is dropped into cold water. When nearly done add a teaspoonful lemon or vanilla to flavor, pour on a buttered plate and when cool enough to handle pull until white and cut in small pieces.—W. M.

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Ideas Wanted.

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A Prayer for True Prosperity

Our fathers' God, to thee we raise,
In cheerful song, our grateful praise;
From shore to shore the anthems rise;
Accept a nation's sacrifice.

Incline our hearts with godly fear
To seek thy face, thy word revere;
Cause thou all wrongs, all strife to cease,
And lead us in the paths of peace.

Here may the weak a welcome find,
And wealth increase with lowly mind;
A refuge, still, for all oppressed,
O be our land forever blest!

Thy wisdom, Lord, thy guidance lend,
Where'er our widening bounds extend;
Inspire our wills to speed thy plan:
The kingdom of the Son of man!

Benjamin Copeland in Epworth Herald.

It Worked Both Ways.

Some years ago there came to Washington a Representative in Congress from Iowa who was an ardent champion of the cause of prohibition.

One day a friend from home dropped in to see the Congressman. During the course of his stay he had occasion to use his pocket-knife, which the Representative much admired. This knife had in it a hook, "designed," so the friend said, "to remove stones that might become fastened in a horse's hoof on a rocky road." Finally, seeing the intense admiration of the Congressman for the knife, the friend gave it to him. When the statesman had reached home and had shown the gift to his wife, she laughed.

"John," said she, "any man who has served three terms in the State Senate, been Lieutenant-Governor and had two terms in Congress, must be a pretty good man if he doesn't know a champagne-opener from a hoof-cleaner."

Somehow the story got out and was copied by nearly every newspaper in Iowa. One day the Congressman met the newspaper-man whom he understood to be the author of the first squib in the matter.

"You did me a great service," smilingly said the Representative to the correspondent. "All the Prohibitionists are taking my wife's views of my ignorance, and all the 'anti's' are insisting that I'm a devil of a good fellow for imposing so successfully on my wife. It works in my behalf whichever way you take it."

Saturday Evening Post.

Luck at Cards.

They had been partners at the card party all evening, and, naturally, he became her escort home. "I had such poor hands during the series of games that I would enjoy holding better ones now," he said.

"If you had a different partner," she said, after a mild and ineffectual resistance, "you might have held better hands during the game and afterward."

"But you were such a good one then, are such a good one now," he insisted, "that I want you to be my partner all through the game of life."

"I am afraid I do not know how to play my cards," she said, smiling.

He drew her tenderly toward him and said, very low, very earnestly: "I want you to help me the best you can to play whatever cards Fate may deal us."

Timidly she looked up into his face and whispered: "If I play with you, may I name the trump?"

"Yes, yes," he said; "always and always."

"It shall be a diamond for a while," she said, slowly, as she looked far away into the mysteries of the starry sky.

"I shall play the ace to-morrow," he said, exultingly, as he tried to draw her toward him.

But she repelled him until she said: "And after that it shall be hearts for all the years that are yet to come, hearts for every minute of the time that shall blossom between us and eternity."

"Yes," he said, "hearts of love, trumps that shall win always and always while you and I are partners, my dear."



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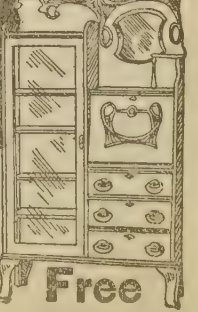
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Blouse Elton 5191.

Nothing that Fashion has to offer is more generally liked than the blouse Elton or more generally becoming. This season it is being shown in even unprecedented beauty and design but is essentially the same altogether satisfactory little garment, which is so pronounced a favorite. This one is quite novel and includes a vest and revers, which allow of various combinations. In the case of the model the material for the coat itself is coral red broadcloth, the revers, belt and cuffs are of velvet and the trimming is a heavy lace applique while the little waistcoat is made of cream colored broadcloth and the buttons are of carved gilt. There are, however, a great many suitings which can be utilized, anything that is sufficiently light in weight to be tucked with success being appropriate. Chiffon velvet and chiffon velveteen are exceedingly fashionable, and the many cloths and novelties are suitable.

PATTERN NO. 5193.

Waist with Cape 5193.

Cape effects of all sorts are greatly in vogue this season and are very apt to be becoming while they are graceful and eminently attractive. Illustrated is a waist which includes one of quite novel sort and that also shows an attractive chemisette. In this case taffeta is trimmed with silk banding and combined with lace over chiffon, there being groups of handsome buttons at the front, but the waist suits both the gown and the separate blouse equally well and is consequently adapted to almost all seasonable materials. Taffeta and louisine are having a great vogue but there are also a number of pretty soft wools which are equally in fashion, such as cashmere, henriettes and velveteen.

The waist is made over a fitted foundation and itself consists of fronts and back with the chemisette and the cape. The closing of the waist is made invisibly at the left side beneath the simulated box plait while that of the chemisette is made at the left shoulder seam. The sleeves are attractive yet simple ones that give a cuff effect while in reality they are all in one.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 1/2 yards 21, 4 yards 27 or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide 1/2 yard of all-over lace and 4 yards of banding. The pattern 5193 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

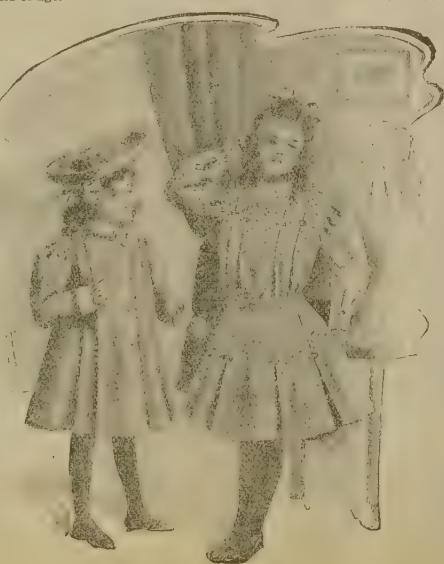
Girl's Tucked Coat 5198.

Such a long coat as this one always can be relied upon to make a satisfactory cold weather garment. It is warm, comfortable and smart in one and without so simple that its making involves little time and little labor. As shown it is made of dark blue melton stitched with belting silk and is eminently serviceable, but all cloaking materials in vogue for girls' coats are correct. Velvet and velveteen both are fashionable and when made from these materials the coat becomes an exceedingly dressy one, while cheviot, Scotch mixtures and the like render it suited to the hard usage of school.

The coat is made with fronts and back that are tucked to yoke depth and is finished with a roll-over collar at the neck. The sleeves are in coat style but generously full at the shoulders.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (8 years) is 4 yards 27, 2 1/2 yards 44 or 2 1/2 yards 52 inches wide.

The pattern 5198 is cut in sizes for girls of 4, 6, 8 and 10 years of age.



Pattern No. 5198.



Patterns No. 5191, No. 5129.

The coat is made with fronts and back and is tucked after the most becoming manner. The lining is smooth and faced at the front edges to form the vest while the revers are separate and joined to the coat. At the neck is a quite novel collar which is parted at the back, and the sleeves allow a choice of three-quarter or full length.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 yards 21, 2 yards 44 or 1 1/2 yards 52 inches wide, with 3/4 yards any width for the vest, 1 yard of velvet for revers, collar and cuffs and 3 yards of silk for lining. The pattern 5191 is cut in size for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Girl's Costume 5170.

Growing girls create an incessant demand for new frocks and novel and pretty designs are quite certain to be eagerly welcomed. This one is eminently attractive and eminently smart at the same time that it is so simple as to involve very little labor in the making. As illustrated the material is cashmere, in the new shade of blue known as lapis lazuli, the finish being simple machine stitching and straps of the material held by tiny gold buttons. There are, however, various others which are equally appropriate. In fact the skirt is exceptionally prolific of suitable things, velveteen, henriettes and serge are all much in use for frocks of the sort while the colors of the season are many and varied.

The dress is made with waist and skirt, which are joined by the belt and which are laid in tucks that are turned toward one another giving an inverted plait effect. The waist is made over a body lining and includes sleeves that are fashionable, becoming and comfortable in one. The skirt is five-gored, and is made to flare abundantly and gracefully by means of the plaits, which are allowed to fall free below the sitting.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (12 years) is 6 1/2 yards 27, 6 yards 32 or 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

The pattern 5170 is cut in sizes for girls of 8, 10, 12 and 14 years of age.

Nine Gored Skirt 5129.

Walking skirts that are smooth over the hips yet are full and flaring below the knees appear to have taken permanent hold on the fashionable world but are shown in so many variations as to give no suggestion of sameness and to provide for all needs. This one is among the latest and best and gives a panel of material at both becoming and novel. It would prove

satisfactory for linen, for serge, for taffeta, velveteen, mohair and all the skirtings of the summer but also is well adapted to fall this last year of somewhat greater interest just now when questions of what will and what will not be worn are in the very air. In this instance however, it is made of taffeta stitched with belting silk and is finished with groups of handsome buttons so being available for that "between seasons" time which follows the heat of summer and precedes the coolness of fall.

The skirt is nine gored, each gore being cut to form an extension for a portion of its length. These extensions are joined and plaited, then attached to the panel portions while the gores proper are laid in tucks that are stitched down firmly onto the last. At the back are inverted plaits.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 11 1/2 yards 27, 8 1/2 yards 44 or 52 inches wide when material has figure or nap; 8 1/2 yards 27, 5 yards 44 or 4 1/2 yards 52 inches wide when it has not.

The pattern 5129 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

Double Breasted Coat 5199.

The double breasted coat made of cheviot or homespun is a favorite of the season for driving, motoring, traveling and all occasions of the sort, while also it is well liked for general utility wear, being available both as a separate wrap to be worn over any gown and as the suit. This one is among the best the season has to offer and can be made either in full or three-quarter length and with or without the material is cut to be extremely comfortable and will stand all weathers, simply stitched with belting silk, but all of the materials mentioned are equally appropriate.

The coat is made with front and back, both of which are loose, and is fitted by means of shoulder and underarm-seams. At the neck is a regulation collar which turned back with the fronts to form lapels, and the sleeves are the thoroughly comfortable and satisfactory ones in "leg-o-mutton" style, finished with becoming roll-over-cuffs. Also there are patch pockets over the fronts which provide amply for the convenience of the wearer.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 7 1/2 yards 27, 5 1/2 yards 44 or 5 yards 52 inches wide, for the full length; 6 1/2 yards 27, 3 3/4 yards 44 or 3 1/2 yards 52 inches wide for the three quarter length.

The pattern 5199 is cut in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38 and 42 inch bust measure.

Circular Umbrella Walking Skirt 5184

TO BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT A SEAM AT CENTER FRONT

The circular skirt is always a graceful one and this year is among the most fashionable shown but is cut to be extremely full at the lower portion. This one can be made with a seam at the center front and is particularly effective in plaid materials because of that fact, although it is suited to everything seasonable. The umbrella effect, produced by the full folds, which fall in a succession of ripples, is eminently fashionable and eminently graceful, while there is absolutely smooth fit over the hips. The model is adapted to wear with all coats, but is especially to be commended for the long ones, that are so much worn.

The skirt can be made in two pieces that are joined at the center front or in one piece. Also it can be made with inverted plaits at the back or cut off and finished in habit style as may be liked.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 6 1/2 yards 27, 4 1/2 yards 44, 3 1/2 yards 52 inches wide.

The pattern 5184 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.



Blouse Waist with Yoke Collar 5227
Five Gored Tucked Skirt 5141

The Fashionable Henrietta.

Soft finished henrietta cloth makes one of the most fashionable materials for simple afternoon gowns and has the merit of being always graceful and satisfactory. In this instance the color is one of the new lovely apricot shades and the trimming is fancy banding, while the little turn-over collar and the cuffs are of taffeta and the chemise is of white silk. The waist is one of the newest and best liked of the season, including absolutely novel sleeves and the yoke-collar that gives breadth and distinction. The skirt is five gored, simply tucked to form a yoke over the hips. For a woman of medium size will be required, for the waist $5\frac{1}{4}$ yards of material 21 or $2\frac{1}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide with $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for the chemise, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of silk for the collar and cuffs and $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of silk for the belt; for the skirt $8\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21 or $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide. Waist No. 5227 is cut in sizes 32 to 40 inch bust. The skirt, No. 5141, in sizes 22 to 30 inches.

For Morning Wear

The morning gown made with a breakfast jacket and skirt is one of the later decrees of fashion that is altogether satisfactory and comfortable. This one is adapted both to challies, cashmeres and similar light weight wools of the colder weather and to washable fabrics and is exceptionally attractive in design. The jacket is one of the very newest that is comfortably full yet is confined at the waist by means of a becomingly shaped belt, and includes the three-quarter sleeves that make such a marked feature of the season. The skirt is five gored, tucked above the hem and shirred over the hips to form a narrow yoke. Material required for the medium size is, for the jacket $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27, 4 yards 32 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide with $6\frac{1}{4}$ yards of banding; for the skirt $7\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide.



Pattern No. 5196 and 5189

The pattern 5063 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

Tucked Shirt Waist 5196

TO BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT THE FITTED LINING

The shirt waist in silk, flannel, or all other light weight wools is held essential to the winter wardrobe just as the one in washable material is to that of the summer. Illustrated is one of the newest of all models which is suited to all materials mentioned but which as shown is made of fancy taffeta stitched with beading silk. The features of the design are to be found in the arrangement of the tucks and in the novel cuffs, which are singularly attractive.

The waist is made with the fitted lining, which is optional, fronts and back. The back is tucked in such a manner as to give tapering lines to the figure, while the fronts include two tucks each of entire length, with the remaining ones stitched to yoke depth. At the front is the usual box plait. The sleeves are full at the shoulders and tucked at the wrists, where they are joined to the tucked cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21 or 27 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide. The pattern 5196 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

Seven Gored Tucked Walking Skirt 5189

None of the tucked or plaited skirts are better liked than this and none is more graceful or more generally becoming. It is quite simple, involves very little labor in the making, yet is absolutely graceful and takes most satisfactory lines and folds. Illustrated the material is royal blue cheviot stitched with beading silk but all skirting materials are available, broadcloth, homespun and the like as well as the lighter weight cashmere, henrietta and silk.

The skirt is cut in seven gores and is laid in tucks that are turned toward the front and that are stitched flat for graduated lengths, pressed into position below the stitchings. At the back the fullness is laid in inverted plaits and the closing is made invisibly beneath these last.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is $8\frac{1}{4}$ yards 27, 5 yards 44 or $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 42 inches wide. If material has figure or nap, $6\frac{1}{4}$ yards 27, $3\frac{1}{4}$ yards 44 or 3 yards 32 inches wide if it has not.

The pattern 5189 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

Lace waists are a good deal worn in New York this winter and most charming are some of the models. In the moderate-priced lace waists Valenciennes, Venise and Irish are prominent, the leading idea being a combination of laces. For instance, a wide plat Valenciennes insertion, the yoke being made of horizontal rows, with the lower portion of vertical rows. An allover Valenciennes lace waist has the yoke ornamented with medallions of Irish lace. A few Cluny lace waists are seen, and this lace is also used to a limited extent for the making of yokes and chemisettes in white silk waists.

Red is, indeed, very prevalent; in fact, red felt or velvet hat is seen everywhere, especially to counteract the soberness of a dark costume. A great many of the heavier tweeds are in gray—the mixture of black-and-white which has always a sober, half mourning effect. A long redingote to the feet, or a three-quarter redingote and skirt of such a tweed, are well enlivened by a toque of rich red velvet. Then gray gloves and a gray, white, or black fur necklet, or stole, look very well.



Pattern No. 5195 and 5063.

For Winter Nights.

Boys who are active in the daytime are apt to be more or less active in their sleep and consequently find pajamas in every way desirable. These are so simple that they can quite easily and readily be made at home while they are adapted to cheviot, to flannel, to Madras and to all materials that are used for garments of the sort. The coat is comfortably loose, yet shapely and is supplied with a patch pocket, which is sure to be welcomed by the boy wearer, and can be closed with frogs, as illustrated, or with buttons and button-holes. The trousers are simply drawn up at the waist by means of tapes inserted in a hem. For a boy of ten will be required $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards of material 27 or $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 32 inches wide. Pattern No. 3801 is cut in sizes 6 to 14 years of age.



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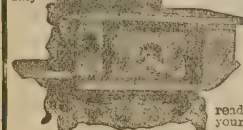
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Helps for Home Dressmakers

By May Manton

With the beginning of the year there comes to almost every busy wife and mother a period of comparative leisure. The holidays with their attendant rush and happy turmoil are past, spring is yet some months ahead and there is time to think and plan for renewal of the garments that are needed at all times and all seasons. Also, within the past few years, it has come to be the fashion to show washable fabrics immediately after the first of January, so that pretty designs can be bought up early and such stand-bys as shirt waists and the like can be made before the rush of spring sewing begins. So far no really new designs have appeared and it is not likely that any radical changes will occur. In any case the plainer sorts are determined on and it is these that are always most in demand. Again, while it is true that some summer sewing will be done while Jack Frost is doing his worst, there are a great many weeks of cold weather ahead and some comfortable garments that mean real warmth are certain to be required.



In the breakfast jacket 5209 is shown one of the very best designs of the simpler sort and one that can be utilized with perfect propriety both for the flannels of the remaining winter and for the washable fabrics of the coming warm weather. It is absolutely simple and involves very little difficulty in the making while it can be laundered with ease and success. In the illustration eiderdown is bound with ribbon but where wash flannels are used washable bindings are to be desired, and for these washsilks cut into strips or wash ribbons will be found desirable. When cotton fabrics are chosen for the jacket it will be found pretty with a banding of some little embroidery or with little frills of needlework down the front and finishing the collar and sleeves while the lower edge is simply hemmed. The jacket is made with loose fronts and half fitted backs and the box plait is separate, applied to the right front. When made of wool the closing is made by means of button-holes and the fly, but where it is made from cotton it will be better to work the button-holes through the plait and to allow the buttons to show.

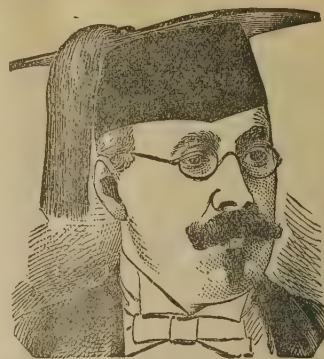
Such a tucked waist as 5188 is needed for all seasons of the year. It suits silk, wool, muslin equally well and can be made either lined or unlined as material and season render desirable. It is cut after one of the very latest models and is exceedingly stylish in effect while at the same time even the least expert of dressmakers need not fear to undertake its making. The plain back is becoming to most figures and the fronts are simply tucked at the shoulders and finished with the regulation box plait at the centre. The sleeves, in which much of the novelty lies, are really the familiar ones, the only difference being that they are cut a little wider at the lower edge and laid in tucks in place of being simply gathered. The pattern includes a plain stock only but any fancy one that may be liked can be used with the waist. Cotton, madras and cheviot are admirable for the early season while white lawn and the like make pretty waists for the

summer and are a bit daintier and more dressy in effect.

The circular skirt is a pronounced favorite of the season and can be relied upon to extend its popularity throughout the spring. This one 5184 is cut in what is known as umbrella style and falls in voluminous folds at the same time that the smooth upper portion is preserved. In the illustration it is made of plaid material and is seamed at the centre front but this seam can be used or omitted as the material renders desirable. Plaids and checks are greatly in vogue this winter and are always prettiest when seamed but plain materials will often make a better effect without. Again, a variation can be made in the design by allowing a hem on the front edges and making them meet over a strip of the material attached beneath. These hems can then be trimmed with groups of buttons, which make an exceedingly attractive effect. The fulness at the back can be laid in inverted plaits or can be cut off in the habit style as liked, although the inverted plaits are somewhat more to be commended for the amateur.

No matter what form a woman's occupations may take, she is pretty sure to like an apron that will protect her gown and enable her to keep clean and dainty. The one illustrated 5157 has certain special advantages which render it exceptionally desirable and also includes the half sleeves which are so important. As shown checked gingham is the material, but while ginghams and the like are always much used for aprons of the sort, butcher's linen is to be commended on the ground of durability as well as of appearance. Being white it may be said to show soil more readily than the colored ones, but it washes as nothing else can be trusted to do and comes forth from each laundering a bit handsomer than upon the previous occasion. The apron is absolutely simple and is made with front and side portions. The side portions extend well round to the back and are cut to form straps that are buttoned over onto the front. There are two generous patch pockets, one at each seam, which add largely to the comfort and the convenience.

The early spring is exceedingly apt to mean a season of much rain and a protective coat may fairly be counted among the necessities of the school-girl. This one 5187 is exceedingly smart in effect and is quite simple while it with propriety can be made from either a heavy or a light weight material. If it is to be worn through the coming cold weeks it will be found admirably well adapted to kersey, cheviot and materials of the like, but if it is designed for the early spring cravenette materials are in every way to be commended. Many of them are quite sufficiently handsome to serve as cloaks for fair days while they mean protection from the unexpected shower, which is always to be desired in the spring of the year. The coat is very simple and is made with loose fronts and back and buttoned over in double breasted style. The



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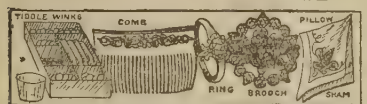
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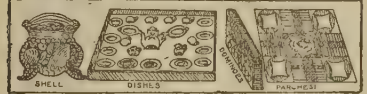
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Heart Talks BY MRS. CATHERINE WALTER

NOTE: The object of this department is to place all subscribers who are in need of sympathy and advice in communication with a woman of large experience and warm sympathies who will give each case her careful thought and consideration.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Mrs. Catherine Walter, 168 E. 61st Street, New York City.

Dear Friends:—Christmas has come and gone and the new year is with us and it is very much like the old year, after all. The years do not change,—it is we who change.

But I can remember as a child, and a growing girl, what a solemnity there seemed to me about beginning a new year, and how many good resolves I made—some of which perhaps, were kept; for I was brought up in the church and with a sense of moral obligation and responsibility, which possibly made me a little serious for my years, though I am not sorry, now. There seemed to be a different atmosphere then, on January 1st. I always made a point of putting on every stitch clean clothes, even if I had changed them only the day before, as it seemed to emphasize the idea of beginning a fresh, new year. Even now, I have something of the same feeling, which has survived my childhood.

People sometimes laugh at what is called "turning over a new leaf, but I think it is a good thing, in the book of life, if only once a year; we should stop and review our actions and resolve to improve our character in some particular; resolve to be kinder, more thoughtful, more patient, more sincere, more industrious,—in fact, to improve ourselves in whatever particular we may be lacking.

It is not so much the things we do, as the things that we leave undone, that often make or mar another's happiness.

It is of little benefit to go to church regularly, and observe the outward forms, if we have no real love for our neighbor in our hearts. Jesus said to the rich Pharisee, "Ye tithe mint and rue and other herbs—for the Jews gave a tenth, or tithe of these things to the church—and pass over judgment and the love of God. This ought ye to have done but not left the other undone." It is well to observe the laws of man, but the unwritten law of "Love that worketh no ill to his neighbor," is a higher law; and if we observed that, we should need no other law. Let us try with this New Year to help bring the reign of peace on earth by cultivating peace and love in our own hearts, and spreading that influence abroad among our neighbors. Our personal influence for good or evil is very strong, though we may not be aware of it, and we are responsible whether we send out good, kind, gentle, helpful thoughts, or the reverse. Whatever we send out comes back to us in some form or other; so, for our own sakes, even, we ought to be careful what we think, and how we act.

Let us take this for our motto this month.

"This ought we to have done, but not left the other undone."

Dear Mrs. Walter: I enjoyed your Christmas letter, and tried to follow your advice in selecting, as far as I could afford it, some sensible presents. For I agree with you that a little box of candy is not of much comfort to anyone whose hands are freezing for the need of a warm pair of gloves or mittens. The trouble is, there are so many to give to and not too much money to do it with. I think your idea of the children being taught to take an interest in other children who are not situated as prosperously as themselves, is a very good one, and I shall suggest the idea to my children. Your letters are so sensible and practical, that it is like a tonic to read them.

Mrs. K.

Answer to Unhappy.

Unhappy:—In answer to your letter, in which you say that your husband has neglected to write to you for two months or more, and you are afraid he has deserted you, I should advise you to go, yourself, if you can afford it to the place where you believe him to be, and, without his knowing it, do a little detective work on your own account. Then, when you have positive evidence one way or the other, and not till then, will you know how to act. If he is making money, he should be made to provide for you. And if he has so little regard for you as to let you starve for all he cares, you should not let any sentiment stand in the way, but have the matter

straightened out by law. There are too many men who leave their families for others to provide for, whilst they are off amusing themselves elsewhere. But do nothing hastily, or until you have proof, for it may be he has been drinking and has forgotten that he has a wife and family. Find out first.—Mrs. W.

Dear Mrs. Walter:—It is the old story. My husband took to drinking just after Christmas, and has not been sober since. I am almost in despair. He always drank a little, but soon got over the effects, and I did not scold him as he always provided for me and the children. But now, perhaps, because he drinks more heavily, he is ugly, and actually frightens me, and I am afraid he may sometime do us harm. Is there anything I can do?

Sorrowful.

Sorrowful:—You say truly. It is the old story. I know more cases than I can count on my fingers, similar to yours. Perhaps if you had reasoned with him when he drank only moderately, instead of seeming to encourage it by your silence, he might not have come to drink so heavily now, but it is hard to tell. But my advice is, "do not let yourself be dragged down by any man." If you are not strong enough to reform him, and he cares so little for you and the children that he will not reform himself, try and make some arrangement, by which you will be independent, and can bring up your children decently. Added to your own loss of self-respect in living with such a man, there is positive danger. I believe half the crimes we read of in the papers would be avoided if women would only take a firm stand in time. You might first talk to him when he is sober, and suggest that he do something to check his appetite for drink, but the chances are, as with most of them, they drink because they wish to, and nothing you might say would have any effect. However, try the reasoning method first. A man has much more respect for a woman if he sees she has some respect for herself.—Mrs. W.

Wants to Study.

Dear Mrs. Walter:—One of the resolves I made this Christmas was, that I would not waste so much time as I have, going about with the girls and boys, but would try to study something and improve my mind in some way. We have a good many books. How shall I set about it? Please tell me.

Studios.

Studios:—I think you have made a very wise resolve, and I hope you will keep it, as I am sure you will derive much more lasting enjoyment from some study than from talking nonsense to people from whom you can learn little or nothing.

Any study you take up seriously will broaden your mind and help you to understand other things better. If you have any special talent—a real one, for music or drawing, you might cultivate that, with a view to doing something with it later, if you have a thoroughly good teacher in the neighborhood, not otherwise; for it is better not to study music at all, than to study it the wrong way.

If you have no talent in that direction, take up the study of history,—the history of the various nations. You will find it very interesting, and for a change you might read stories about different countries as a change from hard study, for I mean you to study conscientiously, as if you were at school, devoting a certain time to study every day, for that is the only way to learn! Or if you prefer literature, or natural history, take up that. Decide in what line your tastes lie and follow that line, and you will become more and more interested. Your mind will become enlarged, your power of observation increased, and you will be a great deal more contented. Then, if at any time you should desire, or be obliged, to earn your own living, you would be better fitted to do so. If you wish any more suggestions, let me hear from you. You might form a class among your friends, but your real study will be done alone. You can always get books of reference from a library.—Mrs. W.



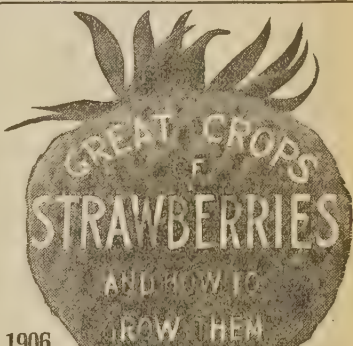
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In The Garden



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Beginning.

Ere this reaches our readers, old Time's restless fingers will have rung down the curtain on the busy stage of nineteen hundred five, and all its happenings whether wise or otherwise will have crossed the line into the realm of the past. Its deeds are gone beyond recall; but some perchance may serve as side lights to guide our future steps and mark the by-paths into which we have wandered. "Let the dead past hide its graves." The future is the live issue—the living theme. So in this year of grace 1906 let us with renewed courage and stronger faith begin our work not only for our own but the betterment of the world at large.

This reminds us that just now is the time when resolution-making seems to be the chief end or rather aim of man; the time in our minds at least, when we turn the world upside down. New resolutions are all right, in fact, we must first resolve else nothing would be accomplished; but to become effective, they must be backed up by earnest and well directed effort. So as we go out to meet life and its duties as they shall come to us, let our going be with high resolves and firm endeavor to so round out and perfect our resolutions that they shall become real, living things.

It may be asking too much and desiring more than we shall receive; but could we get the ear of every reader of Vick's we would urge them to adopt some stirring resolutions as to garden-making this coming year. Now to make sure that I get my wish, let us all resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole and start right and to start right is to

Begin Early.

The first of the new year is not too soon we think, to begin our work for the coming season: certainly not for those of the more favored south land where planting and sowing are in order at nearly all seasons. And we of the colder zone will think of many things that if completed in the near future will very materially lighten the work of the early spring months. For instance we are earnestly hoping that many, very many recruits will be added to our army of gardeners this coming year; and for such there will be many details to be wrought out and many plans to perfect. I suspect that many even of our older gardeners are struggling along without the aid of hotbeds, and this is very like going to war without a gun. If only a small one can be afforded or provided for, that will be, better, far better than none at all. Even one sash if properly handled will accomplish wonders; so if a larger one is beyond our reach, let us not stumble and fall over that fact: but do the best we can with the smaller beginning. In a nearby city a wealthy gardener who is now operating upon a large scale was at the start, too poor to afford even one glass sash but instead used cloth covers. And this reminds me that in our February issue I hope to say more upon the subject of hotbed construction, and will then give a formula for preparing cloth for covers that in many instances will answer very nicely in place of glass, and cost far less.

Then too, the seed catalogues will be ready for prospective buyers this month. A postal card addressed to any of the seedsmen will bring their seed annual and most, if not all of them are well worth a careful perusal. See the many advertisements of reliable seed firms in Vick's. Some of them offer novelties and pay liberal prizes for best reports on them, and some of the more aggressive ones authorize state and county fairs to pay premiums on best

exhibits grown from their seeds with the promise that they will duplicate all such prizes. Here then, is the opportunity not only to grow the vegetables for our own use, but also a fair chance to gain many times their value in reports upon, and display of our products, certainly a clear case of eating the cake and keeping it also. Once interested in this work, the wonder is that we have so long delayed and have been so slow to live up to our opportunities. But after all it is by no means solely from the sordid view-point of dollars and cents that I write; but rather to intensify the moral uplift and the getting nearer to Nature and her wonderful works. God made the country with all its beautiful belongings. The city is the handiwork of man, and the dwellers therein doomed to drag out an existence without knowing where to step for fear of treading upon the toes of their neighbors, are surely deprived of half the good things of life. Now we are not blaming our city friends but simply offering our sympathy for we are minded that some must needs dwell there. Neither do we forget that there are scores and hundreds of back yards in the cities that are just longing for the opportunity to show what treasures in vegetables, fruits and flowers they could yield up if only the chance were offered.

Pardon the above digression but our desire is to see our city and country readers drawn more closely together.

Lest We Forget.

There are numerous other preliminaries that ought to be planned out and provided for, such as seed selection, repairing implements, the purchase of new ones etc. As to the former, study your surroundings, see what you can use to best advantage and how much. Make out your seed list and send in the orders early so that there need be no delay when the time for planting comes. A few days of waiting at that time often means the difference between success and failure.

Regarding the latter, our wants may be many; but our needs are only few: that is, in the ordinary home garden work. Good implements and plenty of them are of course much to be desired, but we have no need to deplete a tool or implement factory to successfully work a home garden. Let the hand implements be of the best material with handles, light and springy. There is no need to waste energy and muscle with heavy awkward tools. Oil the handles of either old or new tools with raw linseed oil and the change for the better will be surprising.

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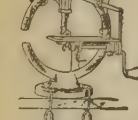


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Treatment of Fruit Trees.

Helen M. Richardson of Waltham, Mass., in "Agricultural Epitomist," gives the following treatment of fruit tree pests practiced with success by an old Massachusetts farmer:

The presence of borers in fruit trees is always a source of great annoyance. An old farmer rubs hard soap into every place in the tree that seems wounded by them. His grandfather always did it before him and he claims that it is an effectual remedy. Strong lye made of potash and swabbed on, in the proportion of one pound to a gallon of water, is also very beneficial. This same old farmer prunes the decayed limbs of his apple trees, and rubs the trunks with a hard brush, then paints them with a mixture of soft soap and sulphur, five gallons of soap to one of sulphur. He also strews lime under the trees and around the trunks. This destroys the worms and improves the quality of the fruit and grass, and will prevent the trees from decaying. He has always been successful in the cultivation of pear trees. To prevent the disease called fire-blight, which in summer causes the leaves on the extremities of the branches for two or more feet to appear as if scorched, he cuts off a foot or more from the diseased part, and immediately burns it. If this is faithfully practiced the evil is arrested. When plum trees become affected by the disease called the "black gum," which is caused by an insect, if the diseased part be immediately cut off, and burned, the tree may be preserved.

Drains in Orchards.

It is surprising to find so large a number of orchards practically without drainage of any kind. Too often holes are dug in the sod and trees stuck into them, the planter hoping that kind nature will make up for his shortcomings. Sometimes she does, but often she does not. The lack of drainage at the time of setting out the trees often results in the almost complete failure of the orchard if it be on heavy land, and such land is preferable for orchards if it be well drained. In the putting out of orchards the drainage of the land should have the first consideration. This will be all the more necessary if the land be level and with small fall. Water then runs off very slowly even with good drains. Without such drains water will remain about the roots of the trees for days—sometimes for weeks, preventing the approach of air to the roots, says the North "Horticulturist."

There are thousands of full-grown orchards that it would pay to drain now, though the drains might have to be put closer together than would have been the case had they been in the first place, for the reason that it will be difficult to pulverize the soil immediately around and under the trees. The orchard that is drained gets to growing earlier in the spring than otherwise, and this time of growth counts for much when a dry season follows it. If a tree has waterlogged roots it cannot grow till that condition is changed. If that change comes late in the spring, the work of growth is shortened, especially if a long dry time follows it. The results may be very apparent in both wood and fruit, though the grower may not realize the cause.

Improved Sulphur Spray.

A California fruit grower has perfected an improved preparation of the well-known lime, sulphur and salt spray which requires no boiling. He finds the mixture effective for curl leaf and twig borer. The formula adopted after many experiments is: Lime twenty-five pounds; sulphur, thirteen pounds; salt, seven pounds; bluestone, one and one-half pounds; water, fifty gallons. Slowly add to the sulphur, constantly stirring, enough boiling water to make it into a thin paste. Put the lime in a barrel, and pour in quickly ten gallons of boiling water; add the sulphur and stir occasionally with a long wooden paddle to

keep the lime from sticking to the bottom of the barrel. In fifteen to twenty minutes they will be more thoroughly cooked than if boiled two and one half hours. Slacking the lime with boiling water is what does it.

Have the bluestone dissolved in not less than eight gallons of cold water in another barrel. If dissolved in a smaller quantity it will curdle the mixture when the lime and sulphur are added. Put the lime and sulphur mixture in the barrel containing the bluestone water, stirring all the time; add the salt which has been dissolved in a bucket of hot water and fill the barrel with warm water to make the fifty gallons (not necessarily warm); strain through a fine brass sieve and proceed to use.

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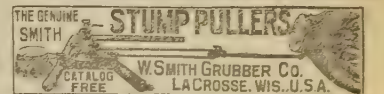
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Dear Sir:—I am a reader of Vick's Magazine and I am especially interested in the poultry department. We have about sixty fowls of various kinds, Leghorns, Rocks, Minorcas, etc. They do not lay at all but seem to be in fine condition. What would you do with them? They do not like to scratch much. What amount of feed per day would you give and what time in the day is best for the mash? Yours Truly Miss E. C., Wyoming Co. N. Y.

Answers.—Not knowing what the present rations are nor the conditions under which the fowls are kept it is difficult for me to suggest changes in feed or management. From the description I should infer that your fowls are over fed, and to remedy this I would reduce the feed and give all grains in the litter, thereby compelling exercise. The following grains make a very good ration for laying hens,—two parts wheat, one buckwheat, one cracked or whole corn, one oats and one barley. Four to five quarts of above mixture, well scattered in a dry litter, should be sufficient for morning feed for sixty fowls. At noon two quarts, with some green food in shape of cut clover, mangels or cabbage. At night a mash composed of four parts wheat bran, four parts ground oats and two parts wheat middling. This I would feed about one-half hour before dark, just what they will clean up in this time. In quite cold weather I would feed the mash at noon and hard grain at night. If the hens are overfat cut down the feed. To give the exact amount of food required for a certain number of hens, and especially a mixed lot is not an easy matter, and can be better decided by the feeder. I aim to feed so as to keep my hens busy the greater part of the day and have them go to roost with a full crop. Keep them supplied with grit and at noon three days of the week feed one ounce of fresh cut bone and meat per hen, or a little less at first. Provide a warm roosting place and plenty of dry litter for them to scratch in.

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scratching shed on windy days.—E. S. F., O.

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I have a small room partitioned off from the main part of the house for the

hens to roost in. It is made reasonably tight, so I have no trouble from frosted combs. I don't have any scratching shed.—E. R. H., O.

For protecting the hens in the scratching shed from driving wind storms, I think there is nothing better than good strong white muslin tacked on a frame made to fit in the front or south side, and fastened with hinges so to open and hook up, on still, pleasant days. Protecting the fowls while on the roosts is of more importance than is generally sup-

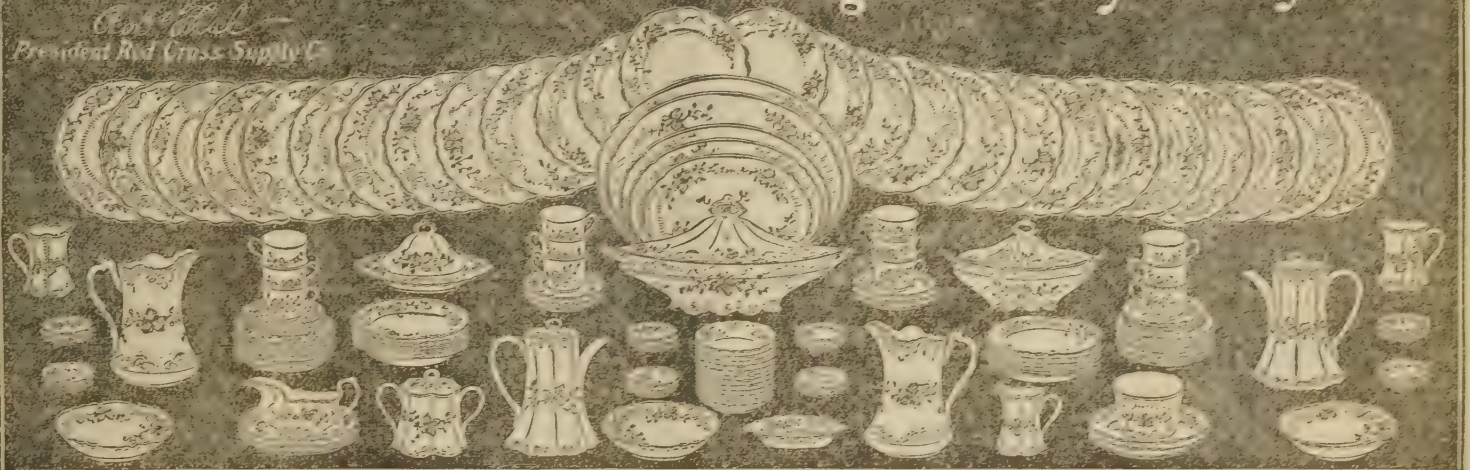
posed. This is the time when they suffer most from cold, and especially the breeds having large combs. Hens will endure pretty cold weather during the day, if they have some exercise and are kept dry, and at the same time they will be none the worse from the exposure, but when they come to get on the roosts these cold nights and set perfectly still for twelve or fourteen hours, without any thing to keep the cold off from them they will surely suffer and there is no question but that a severe freezing of the

comb and wattles injures the fowl for any purpose. Where the room is large and there is no curtain or partition up there is most sure to be more or less draft on the hens and even if it is not so cold the fowls will be made uncomfortable while roosting. Feeding of all kinds, avoid a draft whenever possible. And I find that the majority of poultry keepers confine their fowls in small places so to make it impossible for them to get out of it at all times. I have tried both curtains and board partitions in front of the



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part well, but if I got only five or six good strong birds would not complain. Unsatisfactory hatches from eggs sent from a distance is often laid to the shipping when the real cause is in having a poor hen to sit on them. With the exception of a very few sittings, the results have been very good with me.—V. M. C.

The following questions for answers have been sent in to this department.

For best results in breeding, how many hens do you mate to one male bird, and of what breeds?

Do you use indoor or outdoor brooders? Where do you place them for early broods and what do you use on the floor of the brooders?

How large an outside run do you have for fifty or seventy-five chicks for first two or three weeks.

Please give me some information on the following subjects: I have some White Leghorn cockerels that frosted their combs during the cold weather this fall.

First, What shall I do for them? Is vaseline good? Second, Would you advise setting hens so they will have their liberty and wander about at their will, or would it be better to keep them closely confined? Third, How many hens can I keep on one acre of ground? I intend to raise all the green food for them on a lot close by.—C. H. H., Mich.

1. A mixture of one part spirits turpentine, four parts glycerine, eight parts vaseline. Apply three times daily. Carbollated vaseline is also a good remedy for frosted combs. Vaseline alone is not so good.

2. If the hens are set in a roomy place where they have easy access to food and will not be bothered by other fowls it will be better to allow them their liberty in this room, but if the space is small you can remove them from the nest each morning for five or ten minutes. When the hatching is done with hens it is an excellent plan to have a room set off for this special purpose.

3. Two hundred to five hundred depending on the kind of soil and the way of management. Where a large number are kept the ground should be loose and porous and have good drainage, and the yards and all houses kept well cleaned.

Suggestions About Buying Incubators.

Such questions as these often come to me: Would you advise me to invest in an incubator when I have plenty of sitting hens? If so where can I get a reliable machine? In answer to the first question I would say that if you wish to go into poultry raising on a large scale and get out early chickens, then buy an incubator. I believe that no one disputes the fact that a good incubator, well handled is a profitable investment for any one who wishes to raise 100 or more chickens. Where to get a reliable hatcher is a question that must be settled by the buyer. There are more poor ones than good ones, but there are several makes of good reliable machines. By this kind I mean such as do not require much time to look after each day, one that will hatch as many chicks as good reliable hens will do, a machine that will allow you to rest in peace over night. In buying an incubator there are several points to look after. First see that they are well put together and of well seasoned material. If a hot water machine, I would have a copper tank, then there will be no leaking. One of the most important things, is a good thermometer, and next a safe lamp. I recommend the use of two thermometers with every incubator, then if one goes wrong you have another to guide you. Even if no accident happens to a thermometer they are not so reliable after a couple years old and, for this reason I recommend two or more and one of them should be tested each season. More depends upon the temperature than anything else, and you have to rely on the thermometer to regulate this, hence the necessity of having one that is correct.

If you keep only one breed and they are non-sitters, then an incubator becomes a necessity. Again if you want to hatch very many chicks in February or March you must have a machine, then a good many don't like to keep scrub stock around to sit, they don't like to have them on their premises, don't look well.

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Farm and Fireside
Farm and Home
Farm Life
The Farmer
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Farmer's Voice
Poultry Herald
Poultry Success
Madame
Beauty and Health
Goodall's Farmer
Hearthstone
Housewife

McCall's Magazine
Physical Culture for Boys and Girls
Wallace Farmer and Dairyman
Western Home Monthly
Home and Flowers
Housekeeper
Kimball's Dairy Farmer
Michigan Poultry Breeder
National Fruit Grower
Normal Instructor
Ohio Poultry Journal
Reliable Poultry Journal
Star Monthly
Union Gospel News
Up-to-Date Farming
Woman's World
World's Events
Poultry Keeper

CLASS C.
American Boy
Good Health
Indiana Farmer
Michigan Farmer
National Magazine
Ohio Farmer
Pilgrim
Pictorial Review
Practical Farmer
Prairie Farmer
New York Tribune Farmer
Weekly Courier-Journal
Farm, Field & Fireside
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CLASS D.
American Motherhood
Commoner
American Illustrated Magazine
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Hoard's Dairyman
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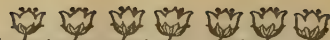
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We are gradually improving our Magazine, as all of our readers will notice and can promise a much better publication during the coming year than heretofore. Our colored covers are meeting with universal favor, all our departments will be stronger and better and our illustrations more handsome. We are constantly on the lookout for "Good Things," that will interest our subscribers, and will welcome any suggestions along this line. We want you all to feel that you belong to the Vick Family and be free to make criticism or suggestions for improvement.

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ancient Flag Iris, and double white Narcissus. These Yuccas share in whatever tillage and enrichment the vegetables receive. They are more than half a century old, and they send up every year, stout flower stalks as thick as a child's arm, and taller than a man. They grow in groups all down the main garden walk, and it is a never-to-be-forgotten experience to wander down the paths of the old garden on a moonlit night in June. The great Yuccas look like shrouded ghosts of a bygone age in the dim light. Some are erect, others drooping, and some as if reclining on the grassy banks, and all nodding and bowing fantastically in the breeze. They seem like veiled guardians of the secrets of the night.

No other plant has such a mysterious beauty, when seen under the glamour of moonlight. Those who have only seen Yuccas by day can form no conception of their charm in a large colony on the borders of a stream, or crowning a rocky knoll among sleeping trees and bushes, when, on a summer night, the moon is at the full. It is a revelation. For the Yucca is the true "flower o' the moon." The great clusters of blossoms have a pearly sheen, almost translucent, which seems both to absorb and reflect the luster of the moonlight. The air is filled with a strange and soothing odor, through which one seems to communicate with the soul of the flower, for fragrance is the language of the plant-world.

Several kinds of Yuccas are offered by dealers. The one most commonly seen is Yucca filamentosa. This is perfectly hardy, and the best for the garden of the amateur. It has apple-green leaves that are sword-shaped, and sends up several much-branched panicles late in June or early in July, according to climate.

Yucca faccida is much like Yucca filamentosa, but does not grow so large. Like the first it is stemless, and the leaves, which are from one to two feet in length, are abruptly reflexed in the middle. It flowers abundantly every year, and is a little earlier in blossoming than Yucca filamentosa. It is perfectly hardy as far north as New York.

Yucca angustifolia is a gem among Yuccas. It is dwarfer than any other species, and is particularly fine as a rock-garden plant. It sends up its flower panicles in July. These are not often over three feet in height, and are dull and cream-colored by day, with a beautiful silvery luster at night. The long leaves are no more than a quarter of an inch in width, and are straight and rigid, of a pale sea-green in color, fringed with white filaments.

Yucca gloriosa, as it appears here in our trial grounds, is a beautiful and distinct hardy Yucca, differing mainly from those already described by its short stout stem; shorter leaves, which are numerous, stiff, and pointed; and by its very late flowering habit. Indeed the flower stalks, sometimes seven feet in height, are often sent up so late in the fall as to be caught by severe frost before they can open their buds. But when Yucca gloriosa is in bloom it is beautiful sight, worth waiting for. The great flowers are almost snow-white, in a large pyramidal panicle. This Yucca repays good cultivation. It is increased by offsets which appear under the leaves around the central stem, and which can be removed in the fall by careful division from the main roots. They should

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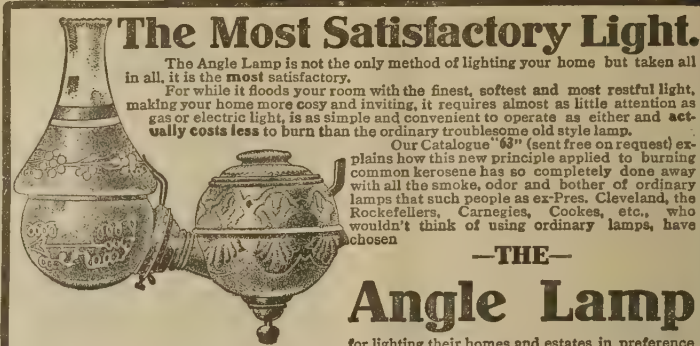
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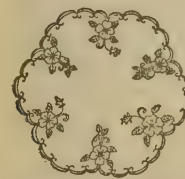
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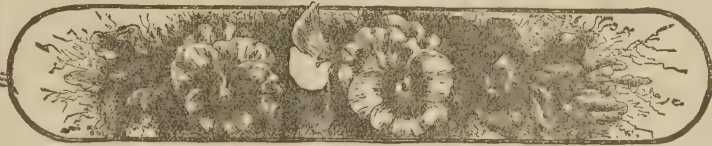
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If you love them, tell them so.
What you count of little value
Has an almost magic power,
And beneath their cheering sunshine
Hearts will blossom like a flower.

Greetings.

January again—and all the possible events of 1906 lie before us, dim, mysterious, fascinating. We who failed in so many things during 1905 and became oppressed by the remembrance, involuntarily look ahead with hope. With sincerest sympathy I send my greeting to all and every one of my faithful readers—Happy New Year! And if my thoughts could mold your fates there should be heartsease given to each one.

My life experience have been much diversified by travel, changes of residence and good and ill fortune. It causes one to feel a rounded sympathy with many classes; but deeper than all others lies the pity for those isolated brave souls with whom I often come in touch—"isolated" indeed; it may be the isolation of the farmer's wife cut off by long distances from all avenues of social life, self culture, or sympathetic friends, and a young wife thus situated whose heartaches for the old home, who feels timid or afraid because of her own ignorance of what motherhood means, is very sadly afflicted and I clasp her hands and squeeze them silently for "I know, dear," or it may be the isolation of soul, or a life nearly crushed by unmerited sorrows and losses whose meaning is dark as yet, indeed there seems to be none, and God seems far away, coldly indifferent to tears and moans; or a life doomed to actual persecution for high ideals, and finding no sympathy where most it is desired—ah, dear sister soul—if you cannot pray, if you cannot hope, cannot speak your woe or weep, still cling mutely. The days will pass by so full of pain and in darkness will be born the inner light of wisdom and patience and you who endure shall some day help others across dark paths—because you know, dear.

New Years Resolutions for Self Culture.

It seems to me when I dream day dreams which in gold and purple span the future days, that "if only" it were possible for me in time and purse to in-

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Of course this implies a willingness on my reader's part to learn to prevent instead of cure discord and soul-separation or even divorce; but I believe in my readers. Take my earnest advice to heart, for 'tis based on experience, observation, and deep thought. Says good old Benj. Franklin sagely:—"Pour thy purse into thy head." I do not agitate any Woman's Suffrage questions, or discuss the pros and cons of club life as a cause of race suicide, or whether College-bred men make good mothers, but cling to my rock of surety. No help can reach the self which acts for good or ill unless that self desires it. Superficial or institution-taught knowledge fades in days of trial unless the inner self was unconsciously cultured and intuitively rallies, when tested, all those gifts of the understanding. An old saw aptly tells the story, sadly true of too many—"You can lead a horse to water but you can not make him drink."

To you, earnest souls amongst my band, to you who are conscious of strivings for better things for body, mind and soul, not bound by ruts of any religious variety, able to see your own faults as quickly as your neighbors, and heartily yearning to grow steadily if slowly upward to the full mission of motherhood, wifehood and sisterhood a rose to bless a world of thorns, a star to lead men to wisdom and purity, ah! to you I expound the value of my plan to assist you month by month.

You have often noticed, I presume, the habit of many editors to announce the good things for the coming year? Following in their path, let me explain what I mean. You have read many of my brief Reviews of Helpful Books for Mothers (and fathers), and often some of you write to learn where to obtain such books. I have forwarded your names gladly, but hope in the near future to have the publishers who furnish these books run an advertisement to which I can refer you and thus save much correspondence (dearly though I love to receive the letters, my sisters!) and I have some books to review and some to call again to your minds which I verily believe would serve as character builders. Wise is the young wife who reads such

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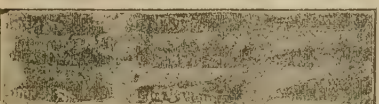
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Yuccas for Picturesque Effects

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A sort obtained by us under the name of Yucca recurva seems to be only a variety of Yucca filamentosa, blooming a week or ten days before the type, with thicker and shorter flower-clusters.

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How Old Joe Found a Home

(Continued From Page 6.)

servant to my father and his father, and I am reaping the fruit of your labors. I have arranged that Mrs. Lockett, your near neighbor—only a few yards away, you see—will do for you, and every week there will be a small sum provided, so that either you or she can do your bit of marketing. Perhaps you may thank my friend here for his share in all these transactions, for you have not the claim upon him that you have upon me."

Joe did his best to sob out a few heartfelt words of gratitude, for had they not restored to him his loved Vi'let—his lost individuality; and although it was no longer the little brown house, had they not given him back his home and the sacred privacy which is its greatest blessing?

Seeing him so broken, albeit only with the weight of his happiness, they made his tea for him, and sat down to smoke a friendly pipe, so that all strangeness might wear off before they left him. But after the tea had refreshed him and Vi'let had lapped up the cream, as be seemed a squire's pensioner, Joe could speak at least a part of his grateful mind with more composure. He thanked them again and again; and Vi'let, basking in the warmth of the fire—her own fire and Joe's, as she knew instinctively—purred and blinked upon the two intruders, as though assuring them that the hospitality of her house and Joe's was extended to them whenever they felt in need of it.

"I knowed," said the old man humbly and gratefully, "that there was a place for me above, where my Louie be gone before me, but I never thought to find another home upon earth." Then he turned wistfully to the young squire. "I see the larrel ledge up the drive do want clippin' turr'le bad; I 'low, sir, as I'm hard to beat at clippin' hedges."

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Only a Word.

Only a word, yet how it brightened
The gloom of the darkening day.
Only a word, and lightly spoken
And the speaker went his way.
Yet it took from a heart with sorrow laden

The weight of its pressing care;
It opened a rift for the blue of heaven,
And a gleam of the sunshine fair.
Only a word, and lightly spoken,
And the speaker went his way,
But the peace of the heavenly benediction
Followed him that day.

Good nature and evenness of temper will give you an easy companion for life. Stee'e.

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Poultry

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Ordinarily it is not a difficult matter to get good eggs to fill a 160 or 200 egg machine along in February, but it is a pretty hard job to get hens to cover this number of eggs at that time. Some hatch with an incubator and brood with hens, others use the hens for hatching and raise the chicks with brooders. Generally I think there is little difference in the results. If you have been able to hatch out a good strong chick you can brood it as well artificially as by the natural way. There is a great deal more in the stamina of the chick than a good many people are willing to admit. If the eggs don't hatch or the chicks soon die, many lay it to the incubator. Then if they get out a good lot and put them in a brooder and they don't do well, its laid to "that" machine, while in about nine cases out of ten if the work had been done with hens the result would have been the same and perhaps worse. The fact of the matter is, you must have good strong breeding stock and well fertilized eggs, so as to get a tough chick, or you won't raise it with any success whether you use an incubator or hen.—V. M. C.

Winter Feeding for Poultry.

This winter we have fed our chickens in a new way. We have about sixty and we give them fifteen ears of corn daily which we hang by stout strings long enough to allow it to hang about eighteen inches from the ground.

Fasten one end of your string near the roof and make a loop that will not slip in the other end. Take the string and draw it through the loop. This makes a slip noose which you place around an ear of corn. Be sure to have a strong string or the whirling of the corn as the hens pick at it will break the string. This method keeps the corn clean, forces the hens to take exercise, and allows one to provide plenty of corn for they will not eat too much.

Besides the corn, we feed our chickens one gallon of oats scattered in the straw and an occasional mess of meat scraps, chopped vegetable rinds, milk, etc. We also give our chickens warm water. We take out a cup of hot water each time we go for eggs and this keeps the water from freezing.

This does not take much time and when one thinks of the difference between the prices we get for winter and summer eggs the balance is decidedly in favor of winter eggs.

This is all the feed our chickens have had this winter and we have gotten an average of fifteen eggs a day for the last four months.—Katie B. Rigoulot.

Over two years ago, in treating a corn on my foot, I got some of the drug on a very tender corn and it soon disappeared. I then applied it to my other corns with like results. Then cured my daughter of her corns, told of the remedy to others, who have had like success with it. I am willing to give my recipe to any one thus afflicted for only ten cents in silver or stamps. All drugs keep it and it is harmless, painless and will leave no scar, and five cents worth is guaranteed to cure all your corns. J. Nipe, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Look up the advertisement of Bullock, Ward & Co., of Chicago on page 15 of this issue. They have something to say that will interest you.

The Cat and X-Ray.

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What Liquozone Is.

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We purchased the American rights to Liquozone after thousands of tests had

been made with it. Its power had been proved, again and again, in the most difficult germ diseases. Then we offered to supply the first bottle free in every disease that required it. And over one million dollars have been spent to announce and fulfill this offer.

The result is that 11,000,000 bottles have been used, mostly in the past two years. Today there are countless cured ones, scattered everywhere, to tell what Liquozone has done.

But so many others need it that this offer is published still. In late years, science has traced scores of diseases to germ attacks. Old remedies do not apply to them. We wish to show those sick ones—that our cost—what Liquozone can do.

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Contagious Diseases	Rheumatism
Cancer—Catarrh	Scrofula—Syphilis
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50c. Bottle Free.

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Central Avenue, Austin, Chicago, Ill., \$25.00; Mrs. L. D. Puffenberger, 240 West Forty-fifth Street, New York City, N. Y., \$20.00. We could go on and point to hundreds of names of people who have gained large sums of money from our contests, but only give a few names. The solution can be worked out by an alert and clever person, and it will apply pay you to TRY AND SPELL OUT THESE CITIES. Brains and energy nowadays are winning many golden prizes. Study it very carefully and let us see if you are clever and smart enough to spell out the cities. We would rather take this way of advertising our excellent Magazine than spending many thousands of dollars in other foolish ways. We freely and cheerfully give the money away. YOU MAY WIN. We do not care who gets the money. TO PLEASE OUR READERS IS OUR DELIGHT. The question is, Can you get the correct solution? If you can do so, write the names of the cities and your full address plainly in a letter and mail it to us, and you will hear from us promptly by return mail. Lazy and foolish people neglect these grand free offers and then wonder and complain about their bad luck. There are always plenty of opportunities for clever, brainy people who are always alert and ready to grasp a real good thing. We have built up our enormous business by being alert and liberal in our GREAT OFFERS. We are continually offering our readers RARE AND UNUSUAL prizes. We have a big capital, and anyone can easily ascertain about our financial condition. We intend to have the largest circulation for our high-class Magazine in the world. In this progressive age publishers find that they must be liberal in giving away prizes. It is the successful way to get your Magazine talked about. Of course, if you are easily discouraged and are not patient and are not willing to spend any time in trying to work out the solution, you certainly cannot expect to win. USE YOUR BRAINS. Write the names of the cities and send them to us, and we will be just as much pleased as you are. We desire someone to be successful, and as it does not cost you one cent to solve and answer this contest, it will be very foolish for you to pass it by. In all fairness give it some of your leisure time. SUCCESS IS FOR ENERGETIC AND THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE, and the cause of FAILURE IS LACK OF INTEREST AND LAZINESS. So, dear reader, do not pass this advertisement without trying hard to make A SOLUTION.

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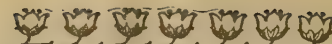
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Our Cousins of The Northland

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their youth so that by the time they are grown up they make splendid marksman, but even so, they are not considered as expert in handling their bows and arrows as are the Indians and other savage tribes, who gain all their living by this method of killing their game. The Eskimo has finer accuracy in wielding the spear and lance.

While we are celebrating our Christmas indoors and all is warmth and light, these happy care free children are dancing out doors in the glow of the Northern Lights. After a fashion of their own, these children of the North dance and sing for hours at a time. Each child swings his arms at his side and stamps vigorously with the right foot, keeping time to the song while springing up and down with the left foot. In Eskimo this song begins, "Ki-o-ya-ki! Ki-o-ya-ki!" which means "Hail to the Northern Lights!" They pitch and toss snowballs with their feet. A large snowball will be balanced on the toes of one foot, and with a kick and a jump dexterously thrown to the other foot, which throws it back again.

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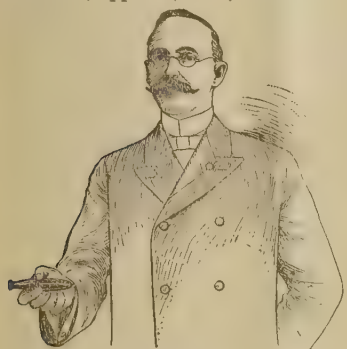
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In The Garden

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themselves may be provided for before
the advent of the busy season and our
work thus lightened by that much.

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"Can you tell me how tomatoes should
be pruned in order to secure the largest
possible yield? I am told that non-bear-
ing branches may be pinched off but
how are they to be distinguished?"

Pruning tomatoes is a mooted question
and opinions vary as to results gained. The
true way to settle the matter is to prune
some vines and leave others to grow at
will. The blossom buds form at the
extreme end of the branch or spur upon
which they are borne and side shoots
will also form at the same places. Do
not be in too great a hurry to cut back,
but watch the bud development and a
little practice and observation will soon
enable you to determine just where they
are going to form. A fruitless branch
can readily be distinguished after a little
watching and a few hours of practice will
do more for you than volumes of theory.

"How far apart should pole or Lima
beans that are trained on strings by a
fence, be planted?"

The drill or row may be planted quite
close to the fence and the beans about a
foot apart in the row. Make sure that
the Limas are planted with the eye
down, and cover only an inch in depth
or a little more.

"How far apart should bush beans be
planted?"

If space is limited, they may be
planted one by two feet apart. One by
three feet is better, but they will do
nicely at the former distance.

John Elliott Morse.

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"How far is it to New Town?"
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"I mean, how many miles?"
"Nary one, as I knows on."
"How many yards, then?"
"Well, that's Nat Buddles yard, an'
Sim Sludgins's an' Bill Scott's, an'—"
"You're very much of a fool, ain't
you?"
"Purty much. But you orter see my
daddy!"

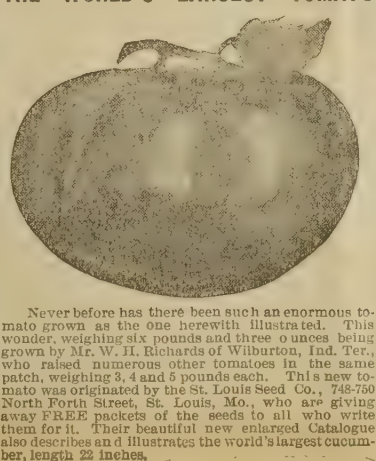
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For all o' the strifes an' the troubles—
For all o' the grief an' the wrong,
There's joy enough in the country
To keep us singin' along.

The past was a past of promise—
There's faith in the future strong;
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cations?

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The eleventh in a series of twelve articles by Chester A. Olmstead, the well-known authority on honey bees. I hope these articles, which began in our March issue, will induce many of my readers to keep one or more colonies of these wonderful little workers.—Ed.

Nearly everyone who has to buy honey or go without it, considers it a luxury. And while to a certain extent it is, there is but little to support such a notion. In many cases the cost of an article decides the question of whether it is a luxury or a necessity, so I will here, only consider the cost of honey compared with that of some article that people use and seem to consider a necessity. Take fruit, if you please, the berries and sugar in a pint can cost on an average as much as a pound of honey and the honey will go as far as the sauce. In many cases it is more beneficial and gives more satisfaction, especially if the children are allowed to decide the case.

Two pounds of good extracted honey can be had for the price of one pound of butter and would be a delightful change. In many families the question of expense does not count but they have been disappointed, even disgusted with honey. They have ordered it at the grocery and expected quite a treat but just when they have smoking hot biscuit, or a cake just from the griddle, they find the honey granulated so hard that it takes all the heat from the biscuit to melt it. Then they think it is sugar, but it certainly is not. All good honey will granulate if stored in a damp, cold place. What to do with candied honey. Put it in a deep basin or bowl that will just hold it nicely and set it in the oven on the grate, this is so it will melt at the top first. Leave the oven open or nearly closed according to the fire; if it is several hours melting it will be all the better for it. When it is melted, wax and all, set it out and when cool there will be a thin cake of nice beeswax on the top. When this is taken off the honey will be found clear and in its original condition. The beeswax when warm can be rolled into a little ball or cake and is almost a household necessity. Any honey can be treated in this way when one wishes to separate the honey from the comb. It would be a good plan for those who use honey to get a good supply in the fall, when the new crop is coming into market freely. Select the kind you want, light or dark, by holding it to the light. The cappings on dark honey are often very white and unless there is light back of it one may be deceived. In this state and in nearly, if not all of the northern states and Canada the white honey is principally from clover and basswood. The basswood honey is a little lighter in color and has a very distinct flavor when first gathered but when thoroughly dried out or "ripened" as we call it, but few people can tell it from clover honey, which is just a plain but delightful sweet. Buckwheat honey is of an amber color varying from light to dark according to season or locality.

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Home Dressmakers

(Continued from page eighteen)

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Young girls are always on the outlook for pretty waists. This one 5235 is so charming that it is sure to appeal to the mother and to the daughter alike. In the illustration it is made of messaline satin with a very simple embroidered net for chemisette and cuffs and is designed to be worn with different skirts. There is nothing elaborate about it in spite of its pretty effect and it can be made quite easily and readily. Where silk or wool are used lace or embroidered net makes the prettiest chemisette, but if cotton or linen materials are chosen some pretty little all-over embroidery would be better or some tucked muslin and the like. The little chemisette and cuffs are faced onto the linings and the waist is arranged over the whole. If the amateur dressmaker be clever, however, the pattern can be utilized without the lining. To do this it would be necessary only to cut a chemisette from the lining and to attach it to the waist while the cuffs could be cut off and sewed to the sleeves. When treated in this way it could be washed quite as readily as any other waist.



The simple nightgown is always the best one for the young child. There should be no troublesome frills to rumple and cause annoyance to the young sleeper and there should be ample room for every movement. The one illustrated 5228 is admirably well adapted to its purpose and can be made to serve also as a little wrapper that can be slipped on over the gown when the child first steps out of bed. In the illustration it is designed for this latter purpose, and is made of flannelette. The tucks make a pretty effect and form a yoke while they also serve the practical end of providing abundant fullness at the lower portion. The flat collar is absolutely comfortable and means perfect freedom for the throat and the sleeves are loose and ample.

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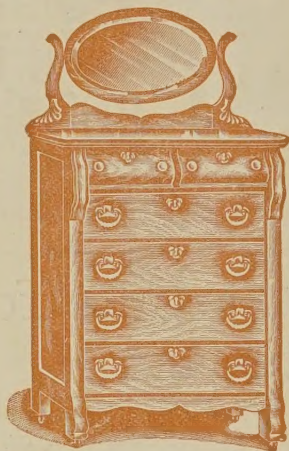
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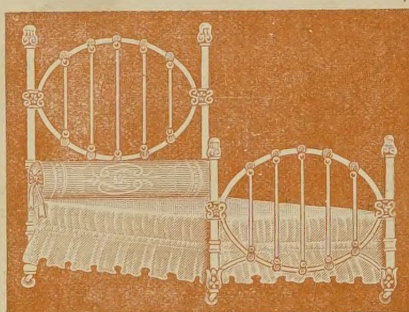
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Read this over again carefully, and understand that we ask our pay only when it has done you good, and not before, if not, no money is wanted! WE TAKE ALL THE RISK, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. We ask no references, we want no security; just your promise to use it and pay if it helps you. Just say that you need it, that you want it, and it will be sent to you, as it has been sent to hundreds of other readers of this paper. We want you to have it, and gladly send it, taking your word for the results obtained. There is nothing to pay, neither now nor later, if it does not help you. We give you thirty days' time to try the medicine, thirty days to see the results before you pay us one cent, and you do not pay the one cent unless you do see the results. YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE! We know Vita-Ore and are willing to take the risk. We have done so in thousands of cases and are not sorry. Your case, no matter how hard or obstinate it may be, will be no exception.

Vita-Ore, in its original condition, is a natural, hard, rock-like substance, mineral—ORE—mined from the earth's veins in the neighborhood of a once powerful but now extinct mineral spring. It requires years for oxidation by exposure to the air, when it slacks down like lime and is then of medicinal value. It contains free iron, free sulphur and free magnesium, three properties which are most essential for the retention of health in the human system, and one package (one ounce) of the ore, when mixed with a quart of water, will equal in medicinal strength and curative value nearly 800 gallons of the powerful mineral waters of the globe, drank fresh at the springs. The mineral properties which give to the waters of the world's noted healing and mineral springs their curative virtue, come from rock or MINERAL ORE through which the water is filtered on its way to its outlet, only a very small proportion of the medicinal power in the ore being thus assimilated with or absorbed by the liquid stream. The rock contains the much desired medicine, the water serves as the conveyance to carry but a small part of its properties to the outer world. Vita-Ore is a discovery of this medicine-bearing rock, a geological discovery, to which nothing is added and from which nothing is taken. It is the marvel of the century for curing such diseases as Rheumatism, Lumbago, Bright's Disease and Dropsy, Diabetes, LaGrippe, Blood Poisoning, Piles, Sores, Ulcers, Malarial Fevers, Nervous Prostration and Anemia, Liver, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Catarrh of Any Part, Female Complaints, Stomach and Bowel Disorders, General Debility, as thousands testify, and as no one answering this, writing for a package, will deny after using. VITA-ORE has cured more chronic, obstinate, pronounced incurable cases than any other known medicine and will reach such cases with a more rapid and powerful curative action than any medicine, combination of medicines or doctor's prescription which it is possible to procure. If yours is such a case, do not doubt, do not fear, do not hesitate, BUT SEND FOR IT TODAY!

Vita-Ore will do the same for you as it has done for hundreds of readers of this paper if you will give it a trial. Send for a \$1.00 package at our risk. You have nothing to lose but the stamp to answer this advertisement. We want no one's money whom Vita-Ore cannot benefit. You are to be the judge! Can anything be more fair?

What sensible person, no matter how prejudiced he or she may be, who desires a cure and is willing to pay for it, would hesitate to try Vita-Ore on this liberal offer? One package is usually sufficient to cure ordinary cases; two or three for chronic, obstinate cases. We mean just what we say in this announcement, and will do just as we agree. Write today for a package at our risk and expense, giving age and ailments, and mention this paper, so that we may know that you are entitled to this liberal offer. Remember, Vita-Ore is not a stimulant, not a narcotic, not a drug, but an antiseptic constitutional tonic for every vital force of man, a food for blood, brain, brawn and bone, and it is worth its weight in gold to all who suffer.

HEALTH FOR YOU

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—I have been suffering with Rheumatism for the past four years and at times have been so utterly helpless that I could not dress without assistance. I believe I took about everything known, from prescriptions to patent medicines, to no purpose. I naturally became much disheartened. From a robust, hearty man all my life, weighing 175 pounds, I was reduced to 154 pounds. In desperation I appealed to a prominent physician here and his advice was for me to go to some mineral spring and get away from this place, as it was evident the climate did not agree with me. I at once arranged to go to Sherron Springs and during the journey I had to be lifted on and off the cars.

I remained at the Springs for three weeks, taking the hot sulphur baths, without feeling any material benefit. I returned home with my mind made up: "No more medicine for me," for I was afraid I was injuring my stomach. With appetite gone, I was afraid to eat when I could, and decided that there was no help for me.

A friend from Baltimore called to see me and when my condition was made known to him he recommended Vita-Ore. After considerable urging on his part, I wrote for particulars, and in reply I received a regular \$1.00 package of Vita-Ore for trial. The trial benefited me and I continued taking it steadily for three months. The result has been marvellous. I am like a new man, my appetite has returned and I have gained about 10 pounds.

This is not all: My wife began taking Vita-Ore when I did. She is 45 years old and has suffered Change of Life; she always had such a tired feeling, was easily exhausted, had no appetite and weighed only 112 pounds. Now the tired feeling is all gone, her appetite is good, she weighs 119 pounds and is free from her old troubles.

Vita-Ore is a Godsend; it was so to me and mine, and in writing this I do it for the purpose of helping some poor skeptical fellow-being, who, perhaps, has become discouraged like I was.

THIS LIBERAL THIRTY DAY TRIAL OFFER will challenge the attention and consideration, and afterward the gratitude of every living person who desires better health or who suffers pains, ills and diseases which have defied the medical world and grown worse with age. We care not for your skepticism, but ask only your personal investigation, and at our expense, regardless of what ills you have, by sending to us for a package on 30 days' trial. Address as below

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